

Rhode Island Women's Fact Book, 2002

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Introduction

The Rhode Island Commission on Women (RICW) was established in 1970 as a non-partisan advisory commission. In 1992, RICW became a state agency.

Purpose

1. To advance women toward full equity in all areas of life.
2. To promote rights and opportunities for all women.
3. To study, make recommendations and promote constructive action on issues relating to women.

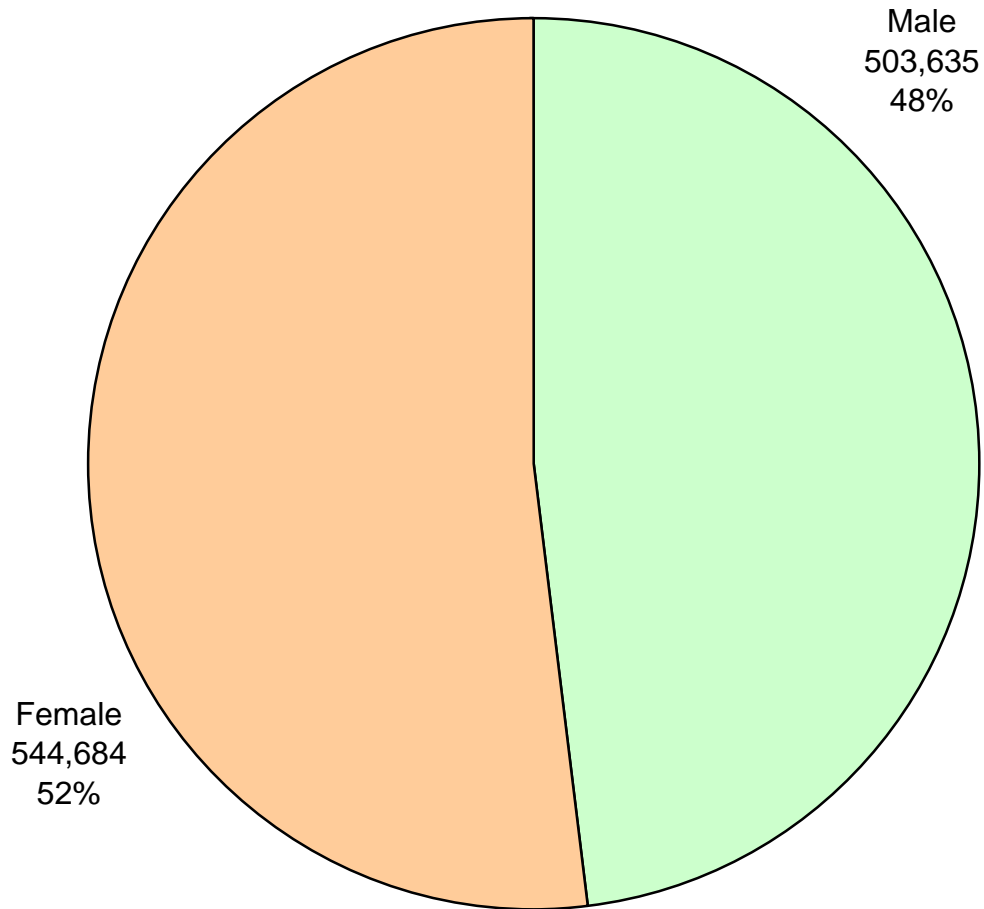
Areas of Responsibility

1. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on issues relating to women, including (but not limited to): economic development, education, legal rights, employment, health, political participation, and the quality of individual and family life.
2. Inform women and/or the public.
3. Develop or support programs and services.
4. Collaborate with organizations, groups, and state departments.
5. Evaluate, monitor, and propose legislation, and advise legislators on issues related to women.
6. Encourage women to vote, run for public office, and promote appointments of qualified women to boards, commissions and government positions.
7. Advocate for women's equity in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Chapter 1

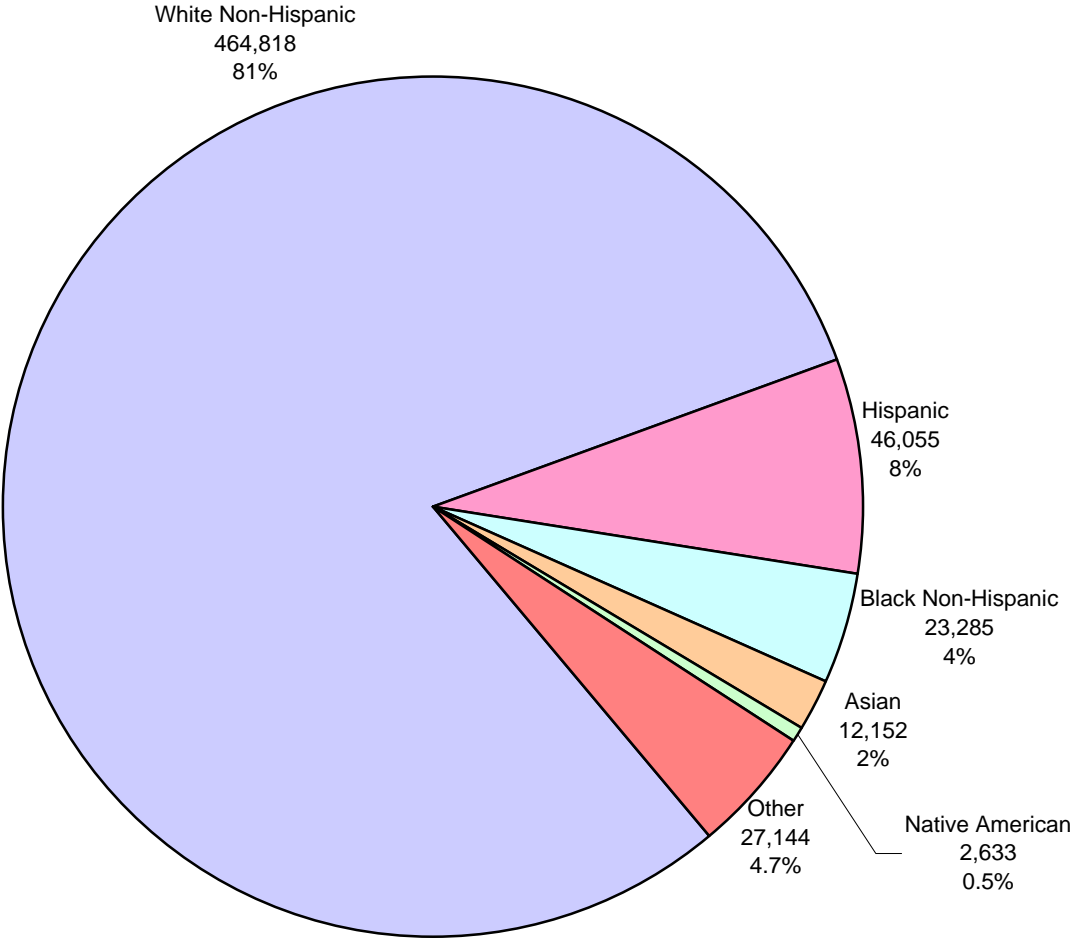
General Demographics

Total Population by Gender Rhode Island, 2000



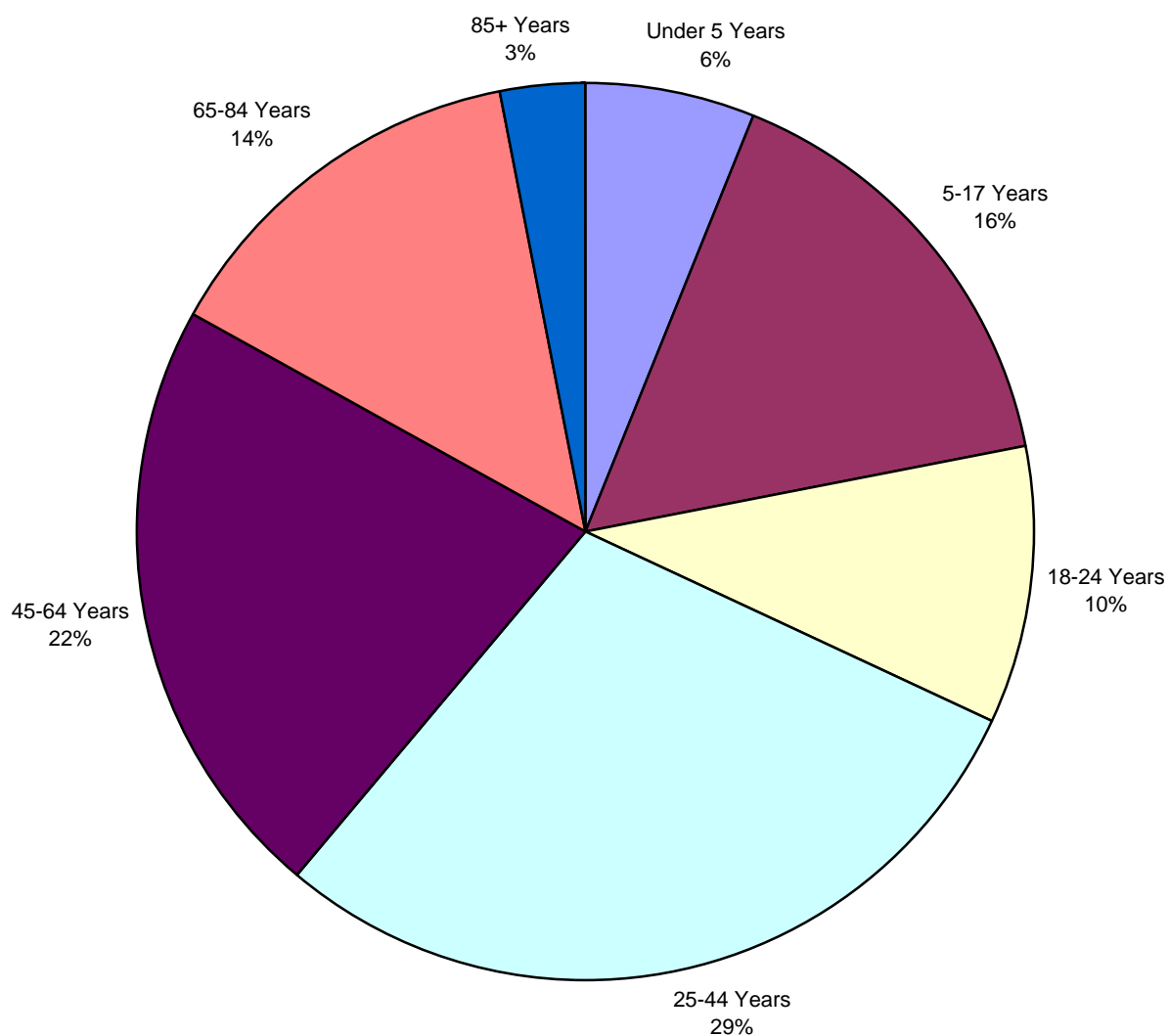
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Female Population by Race and Ethnicity Rhode Island, 2000



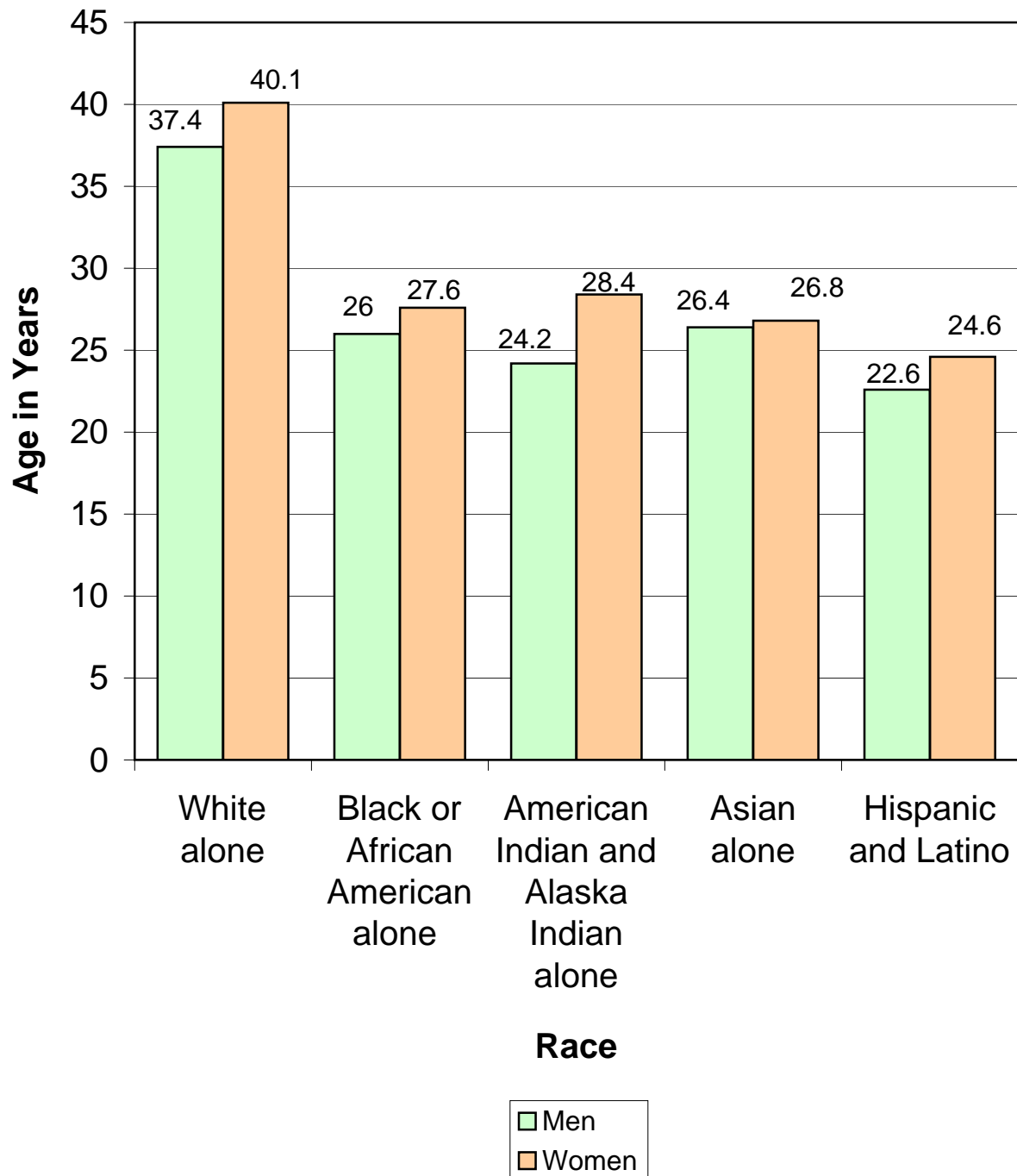
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Population of Women by Age Rhode Island, 2000



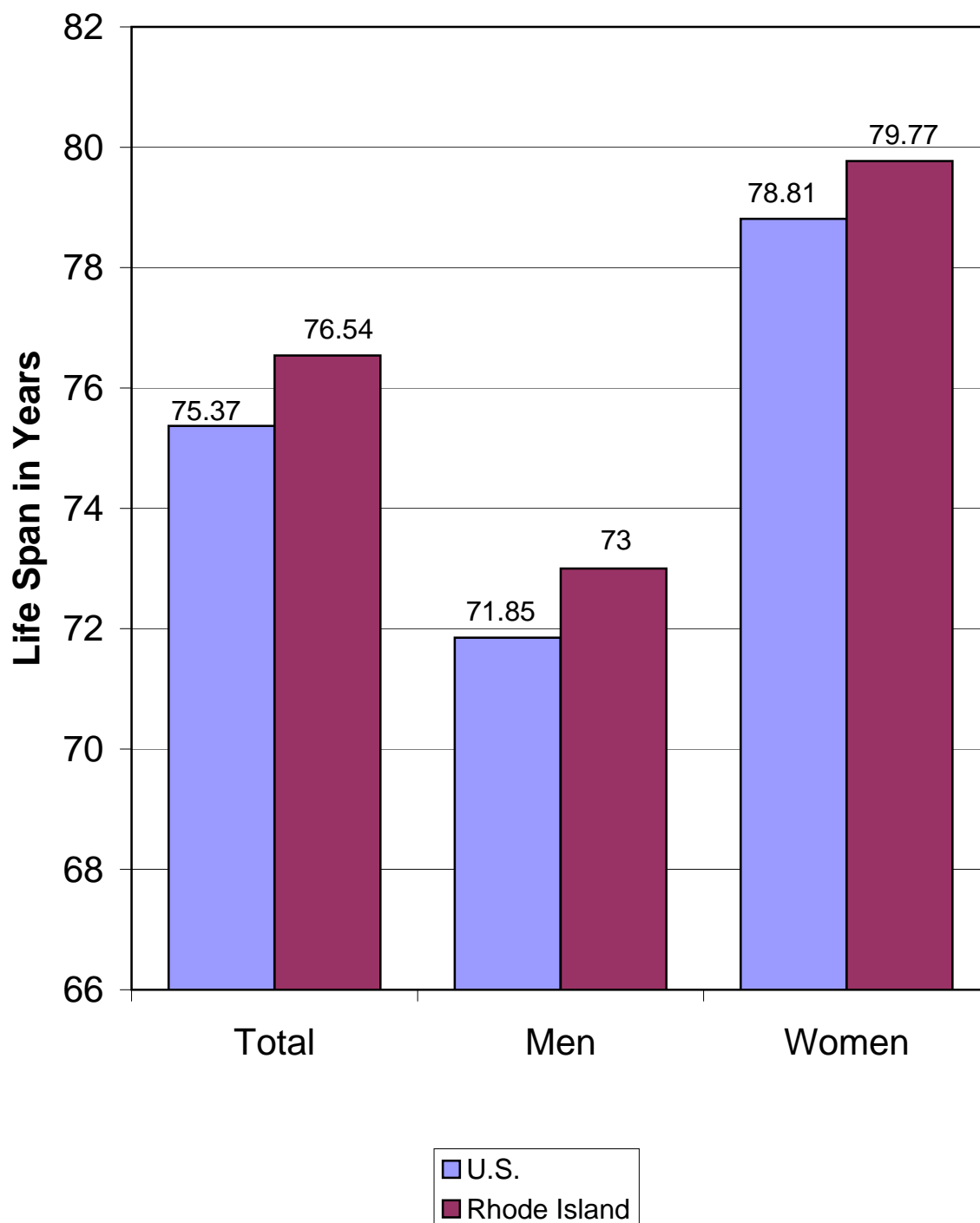
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Median Age of Rhode Island Residents by Gender and Race, 2000



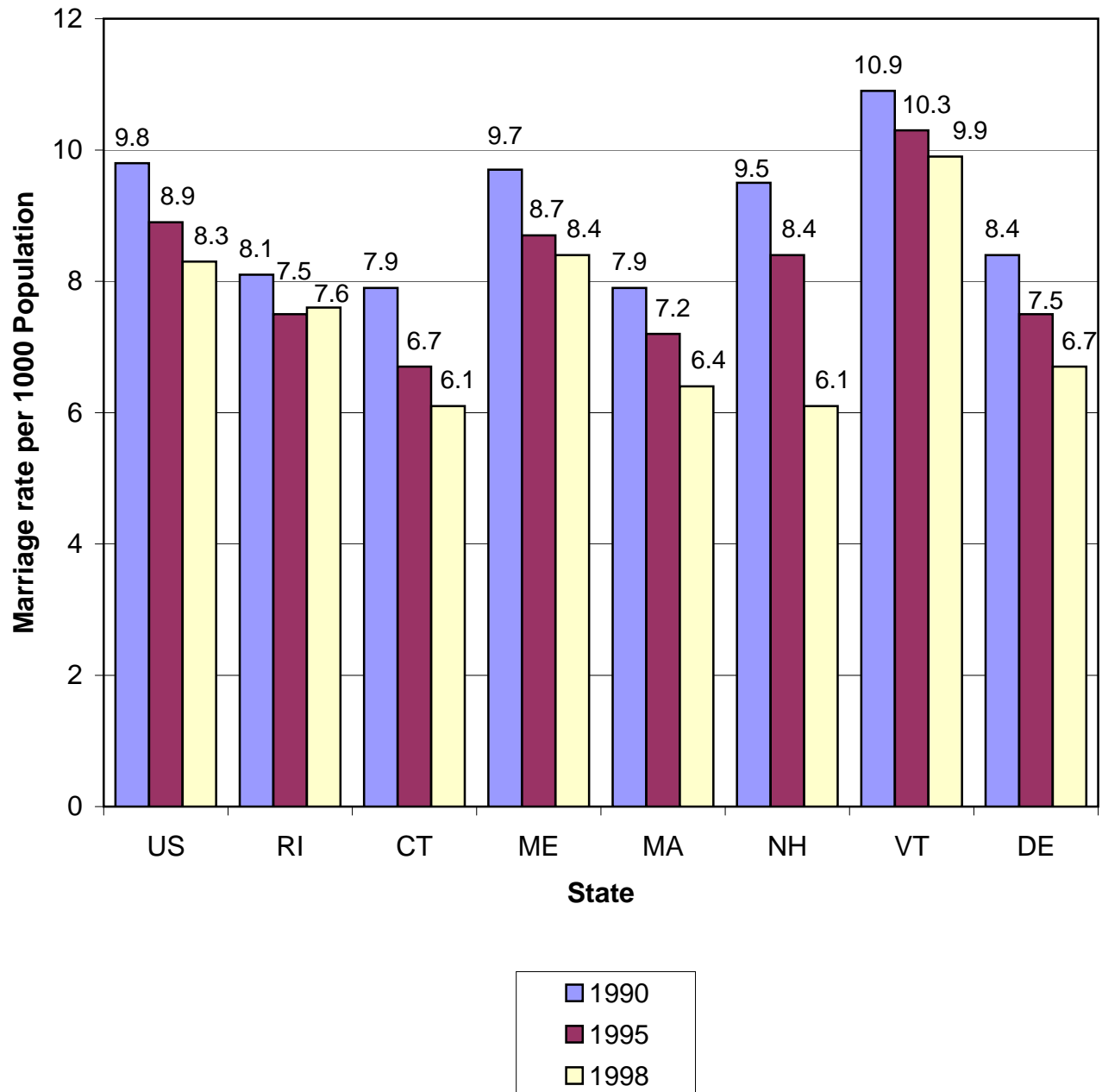
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Average Life Span in Years by Gender United States and Rhode Island



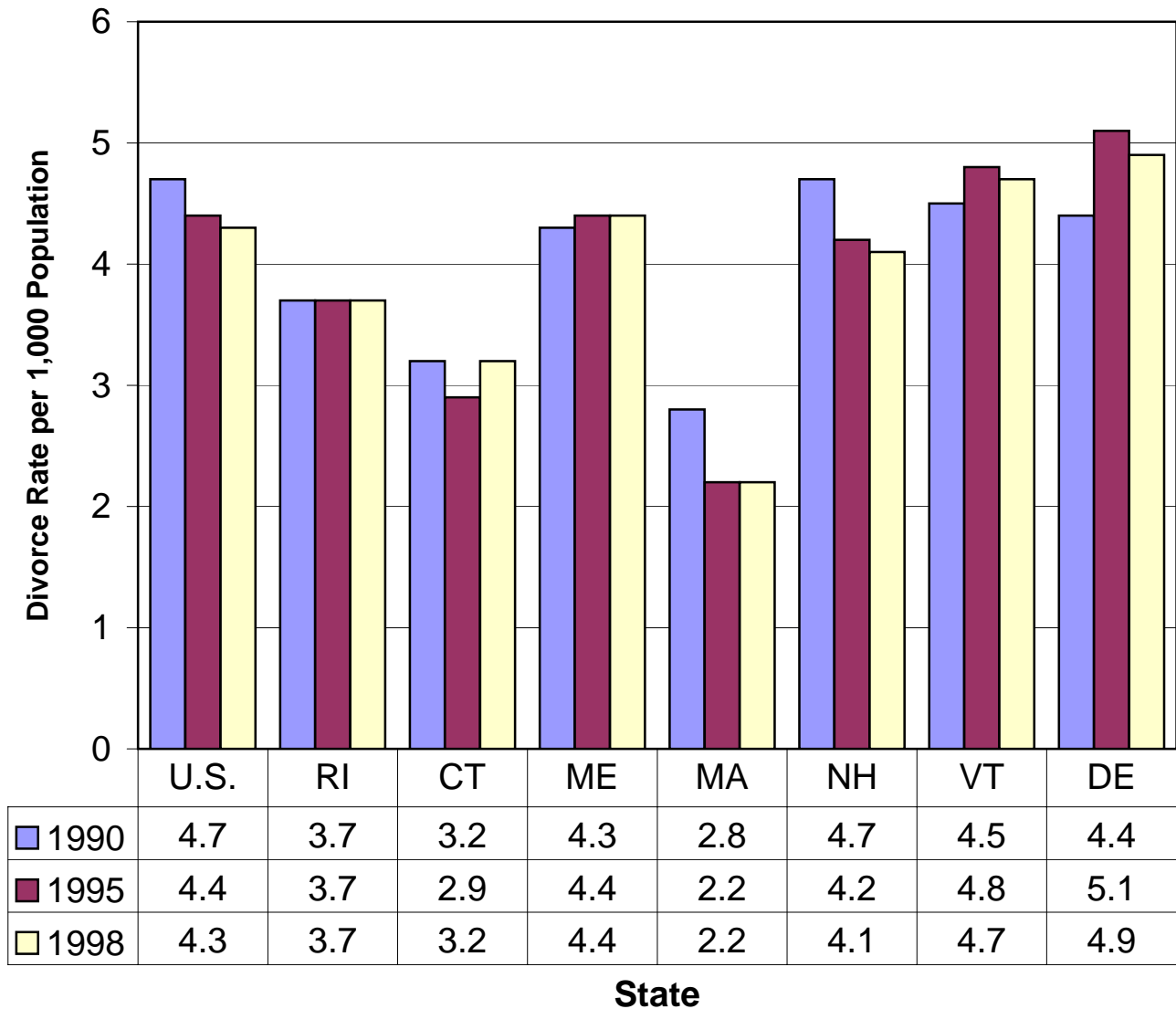
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Marriage Rates by State 1990 to 1998



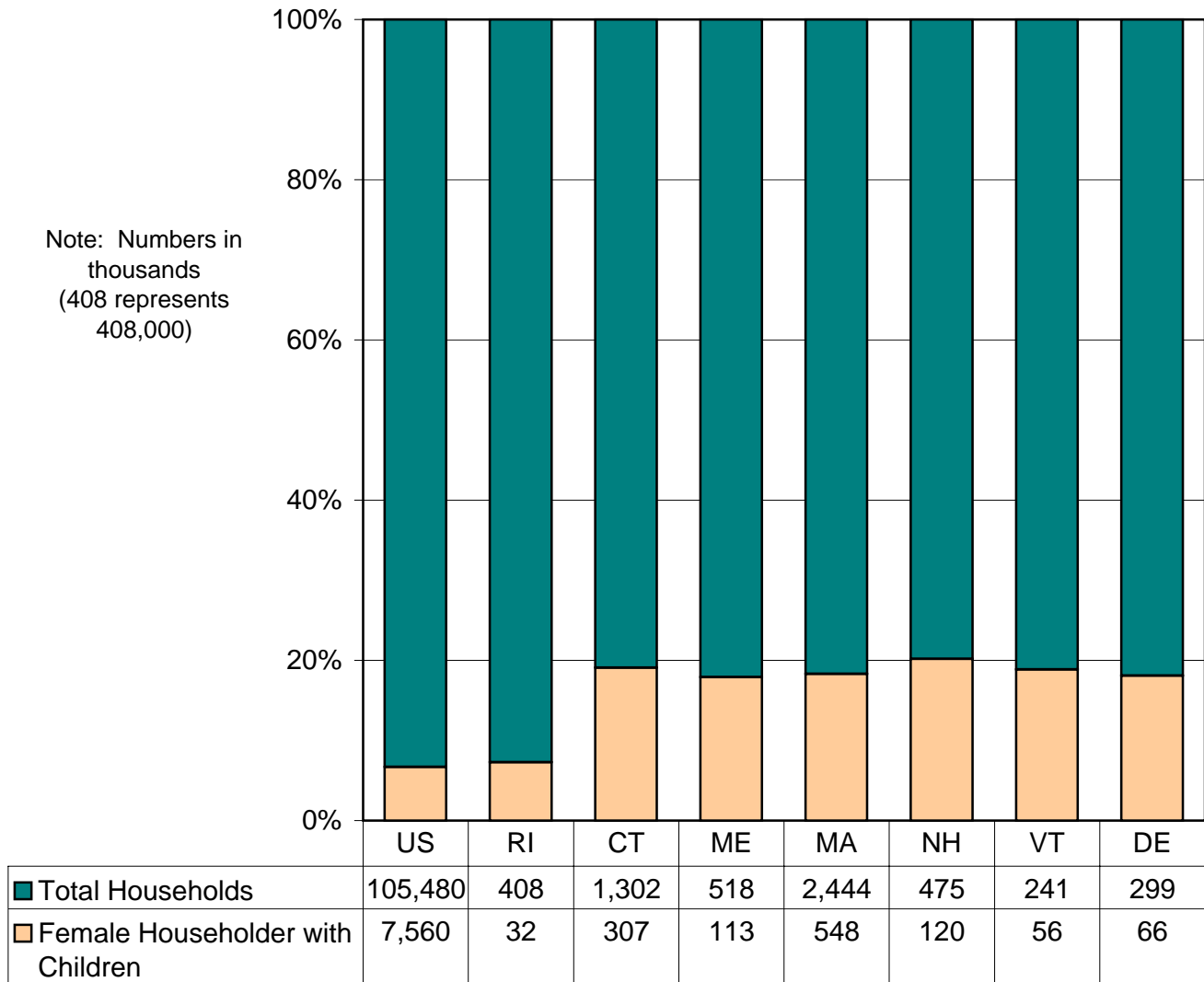
Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics of the United States, annual; National Vital Statistics Reports quoted in U.S. Census Bureau, Statistics Abstract of the United States 2001

Divorce Rate by State 1990 to 1998



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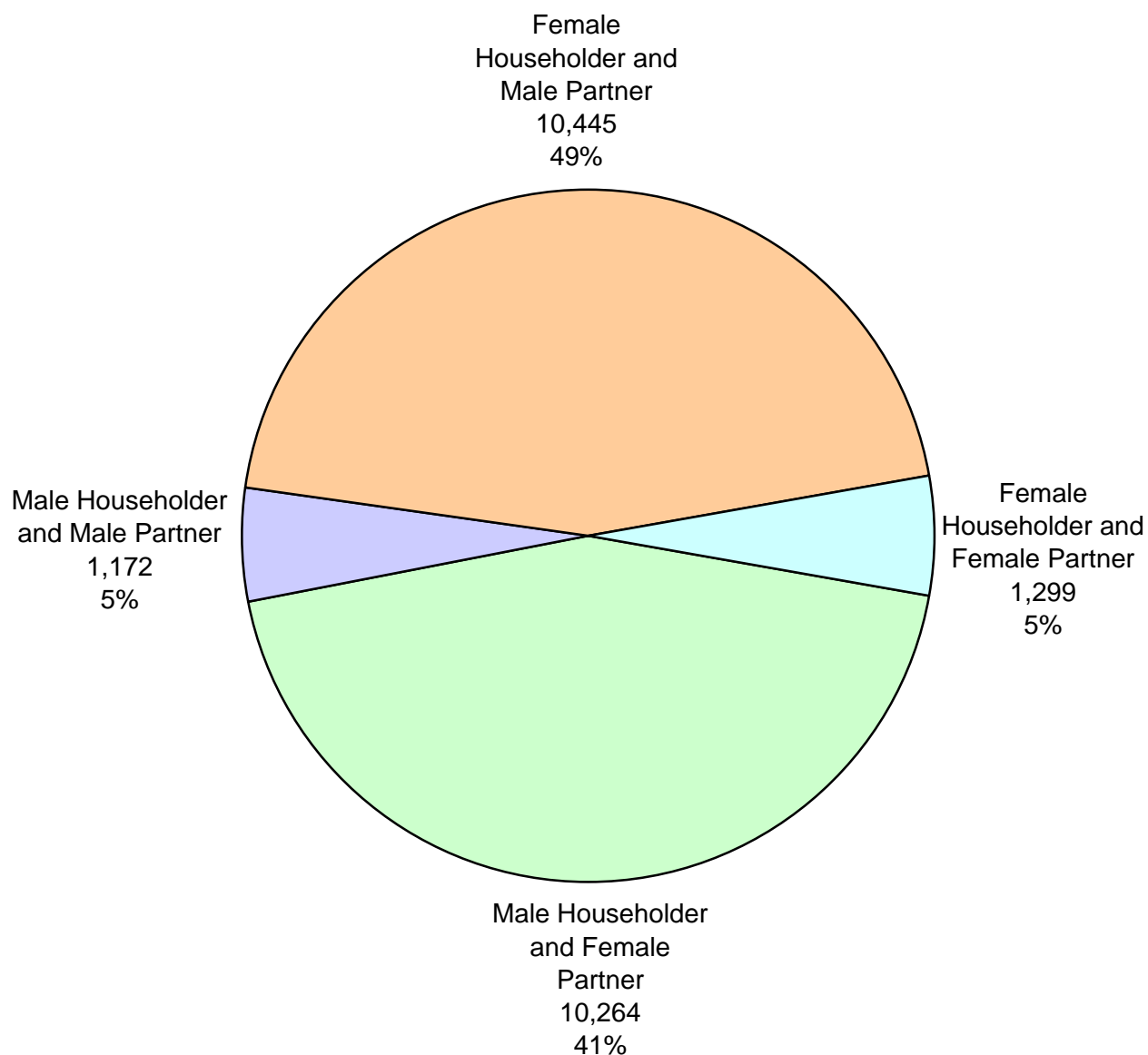
Single Women with Children by State, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Profile of General Demographic Characteristics.

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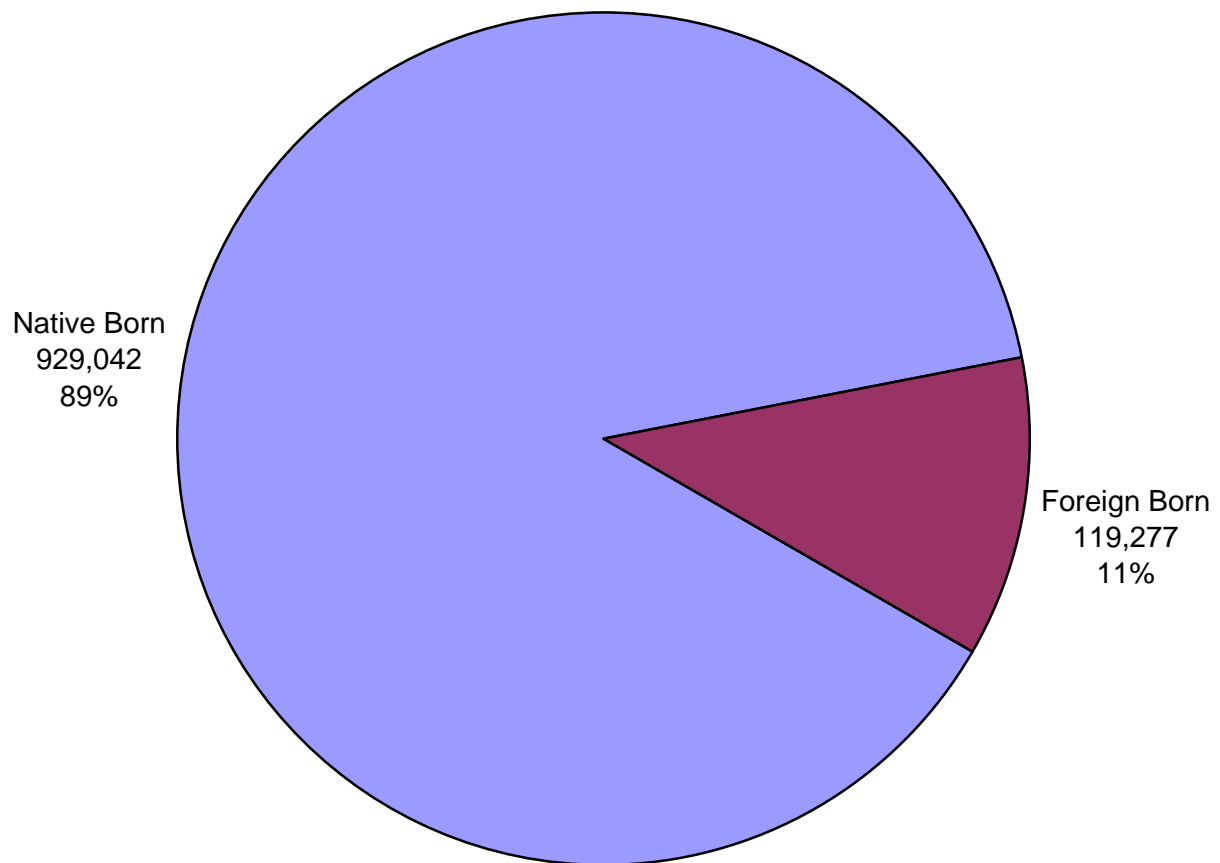
Percentage of Unmarried Households by Sex Partner, Rhode Island, 2000



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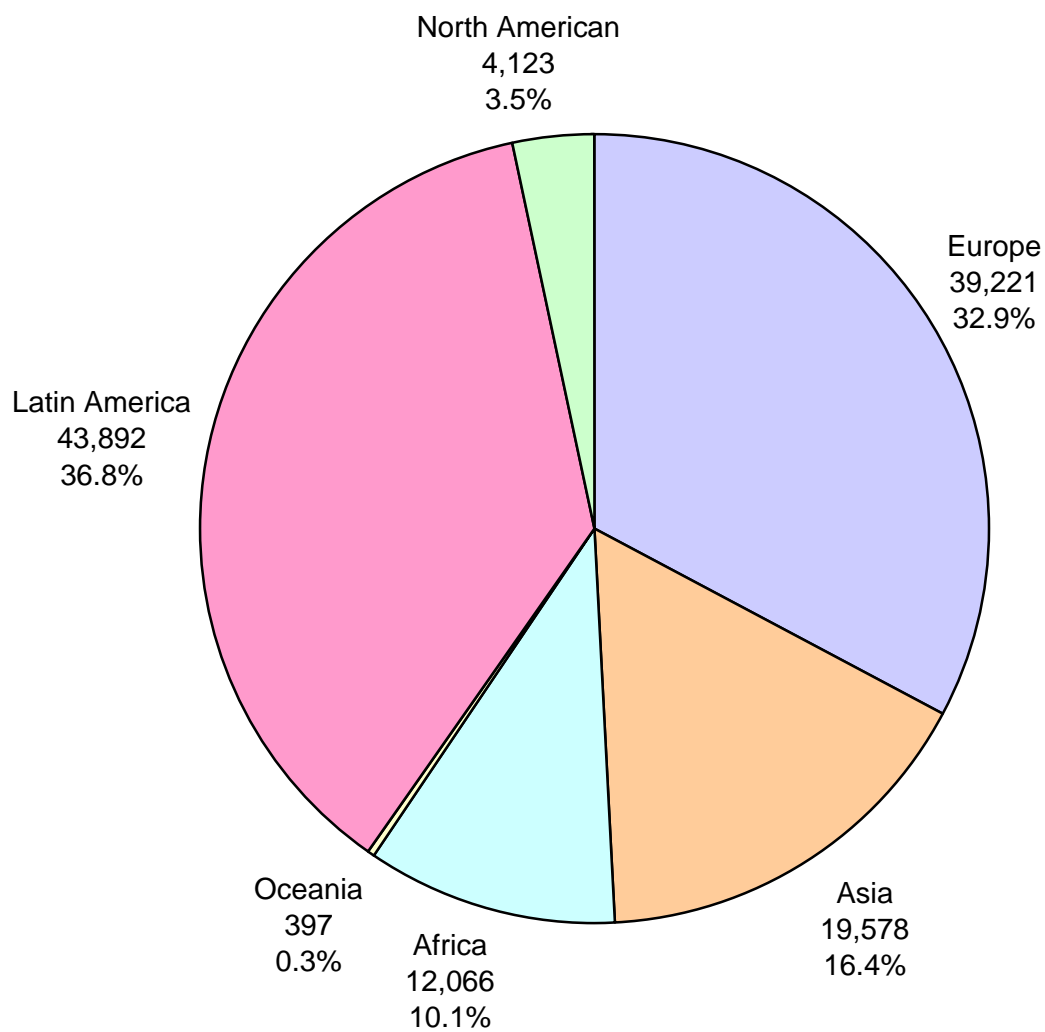
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Nativity and Place of Birth for Rhode Islanders, 2000



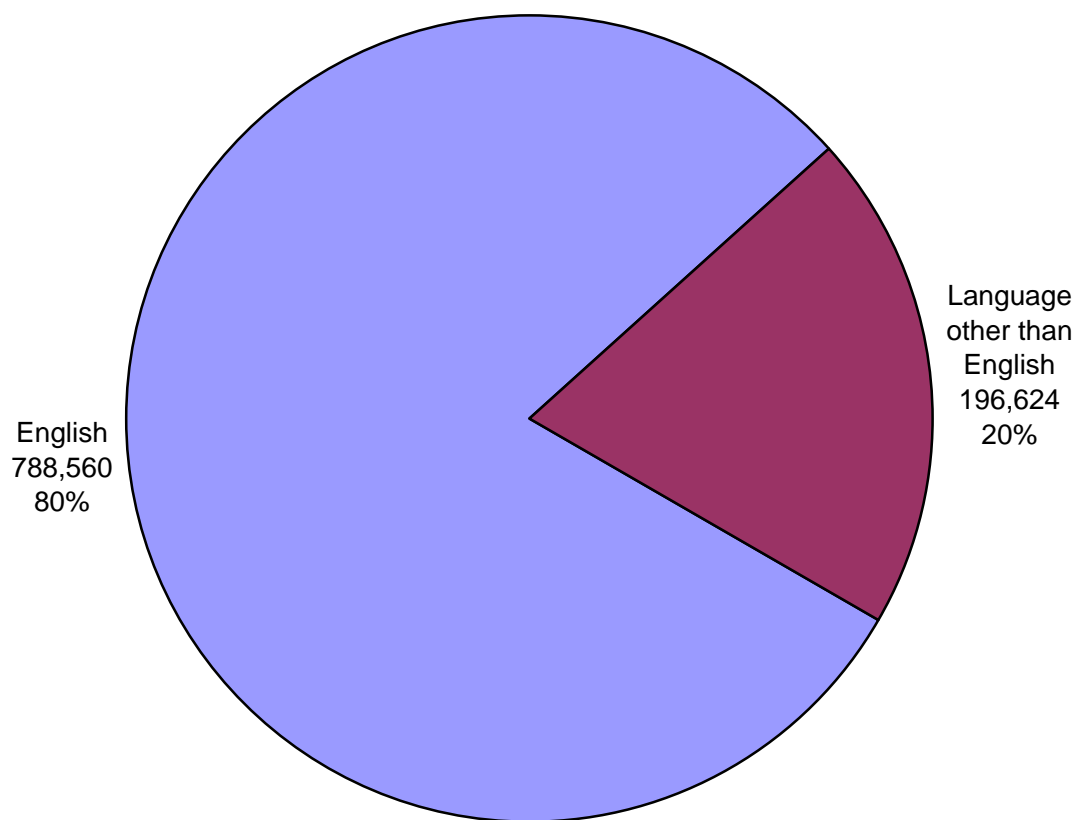
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Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Rhode Island, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000

Language Spoken at Home for Population 5 years and over, Rhode Island, 2000

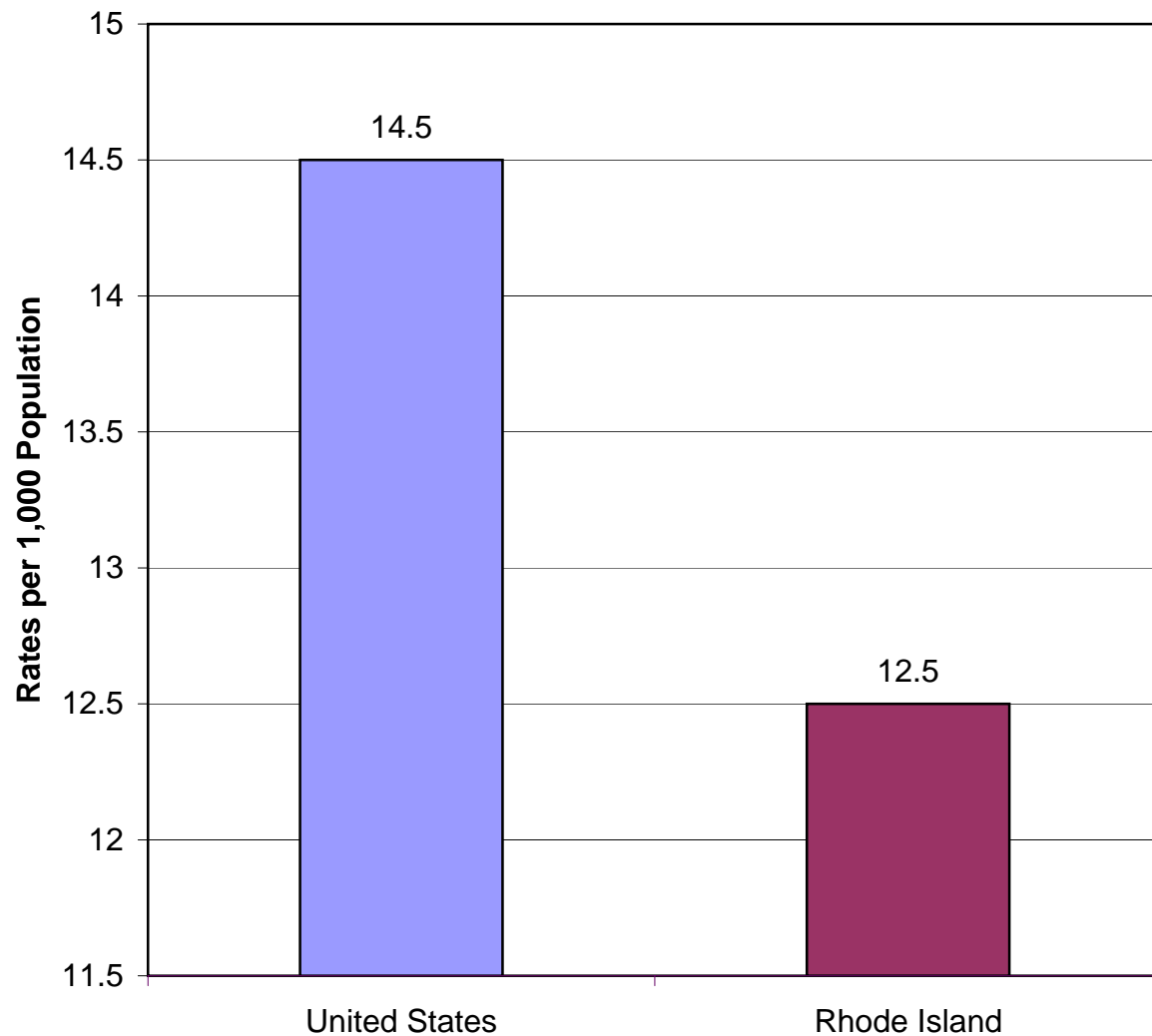


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Women and Children

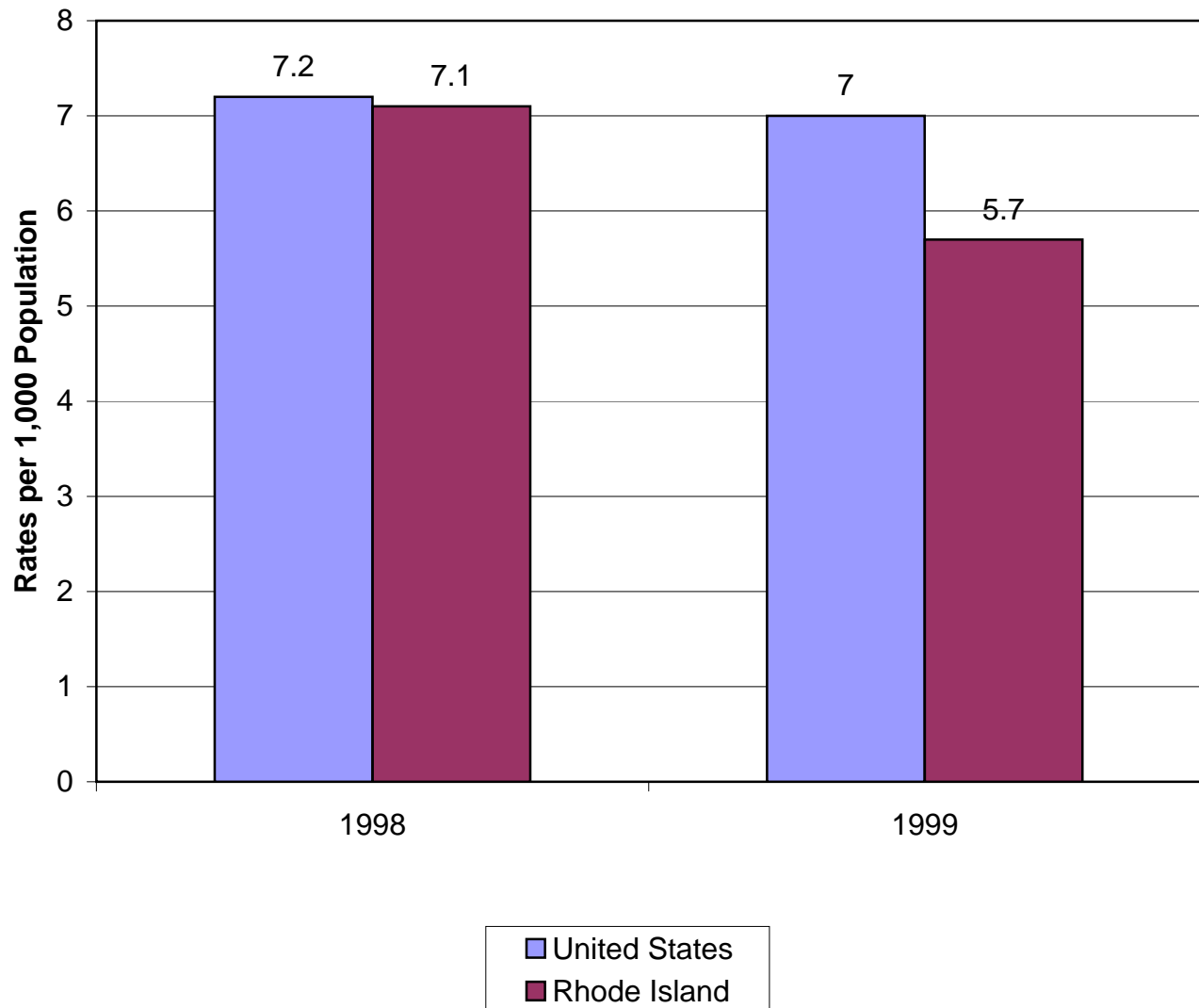
Total Birth Rate per 1,000 Population United States and Rhode Island, 1999



Source: National Center for Health Statistics 2001
quoted in Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts online 2002

Note: U.S. total excludes data from territories.

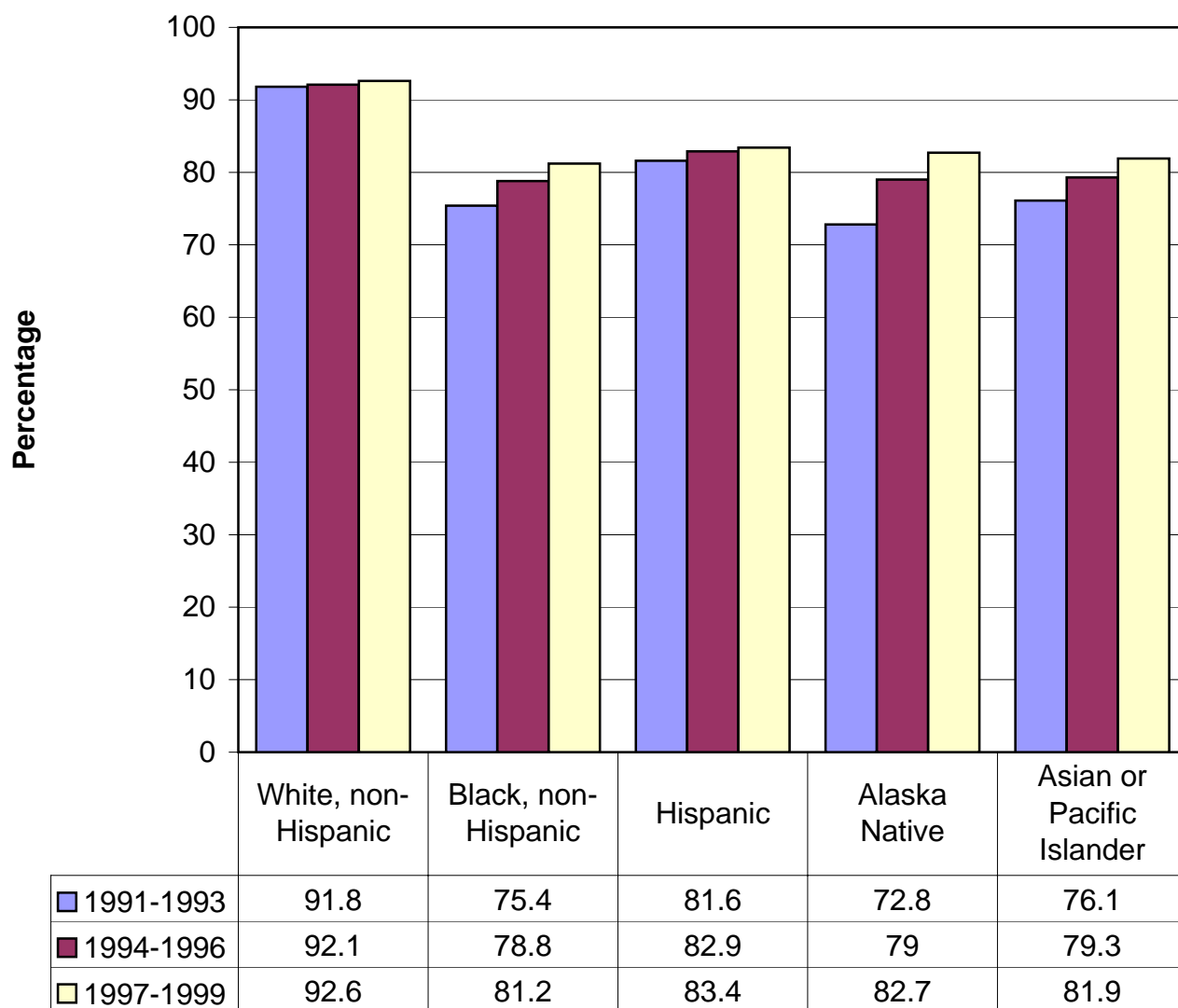
Infant Death per 1,000 Live Births United States and Rhode Island 1998 and 1999



Source: National Vital Statistics Report 2001

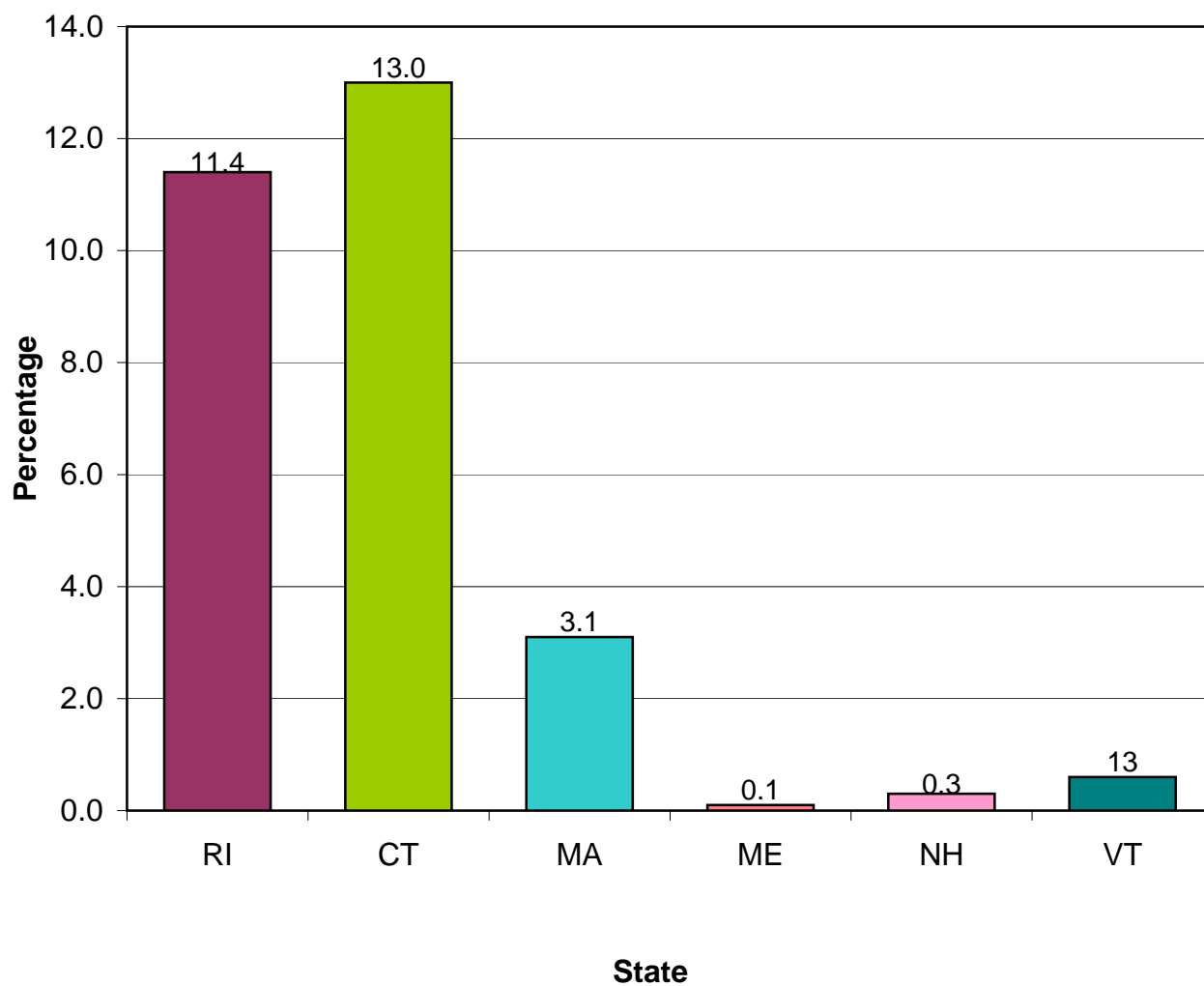
Note: Infant death rates are calculated by dividing the number of infant deaths in a calendar year by the number of births registered that year. Infants are considered children under one year of age.

Percent of Live Births with Prenatal Care in the First Trimester, Rhode Island 1991-1999



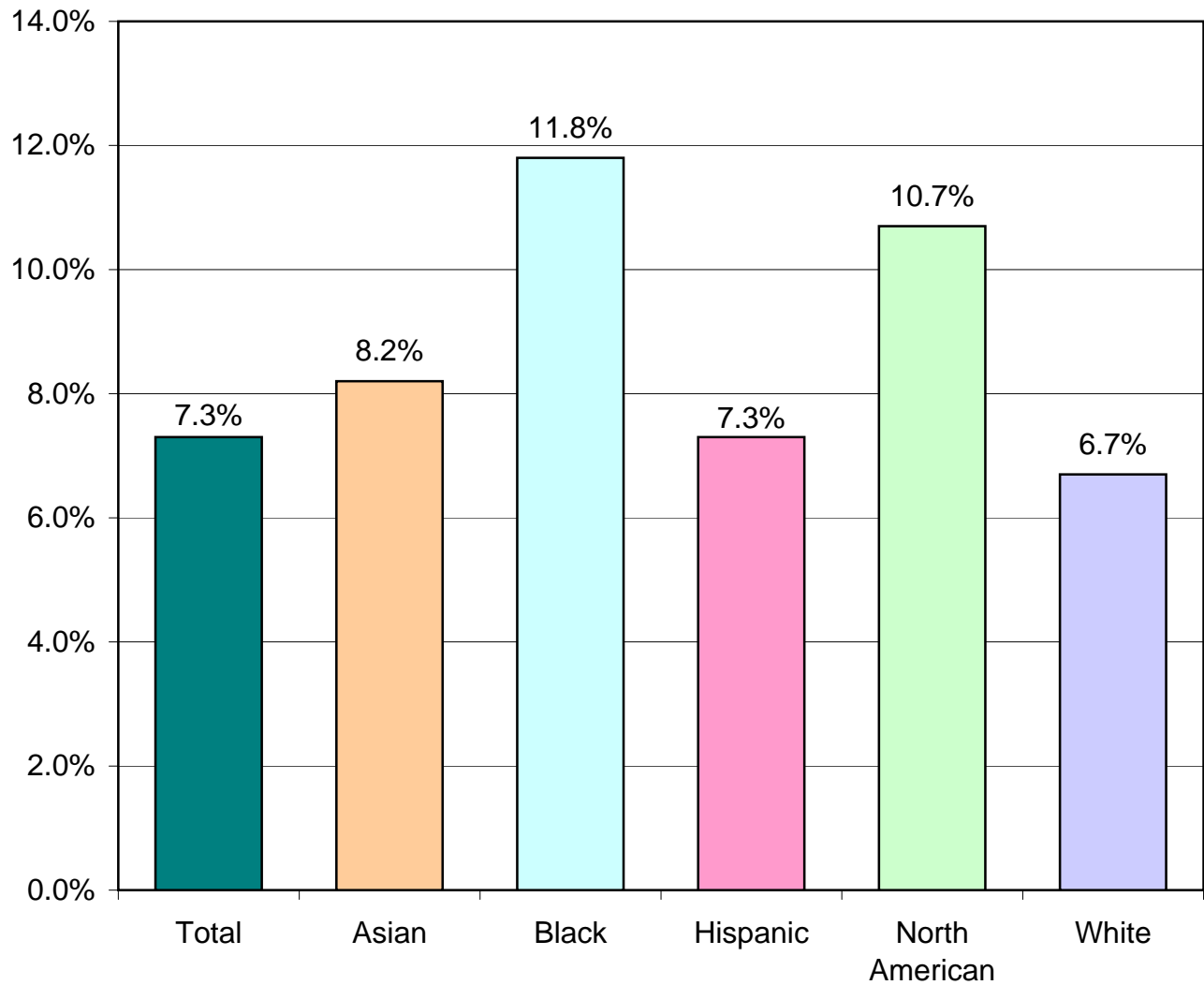
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Abnormal Conditions of Newborns New England, 2000



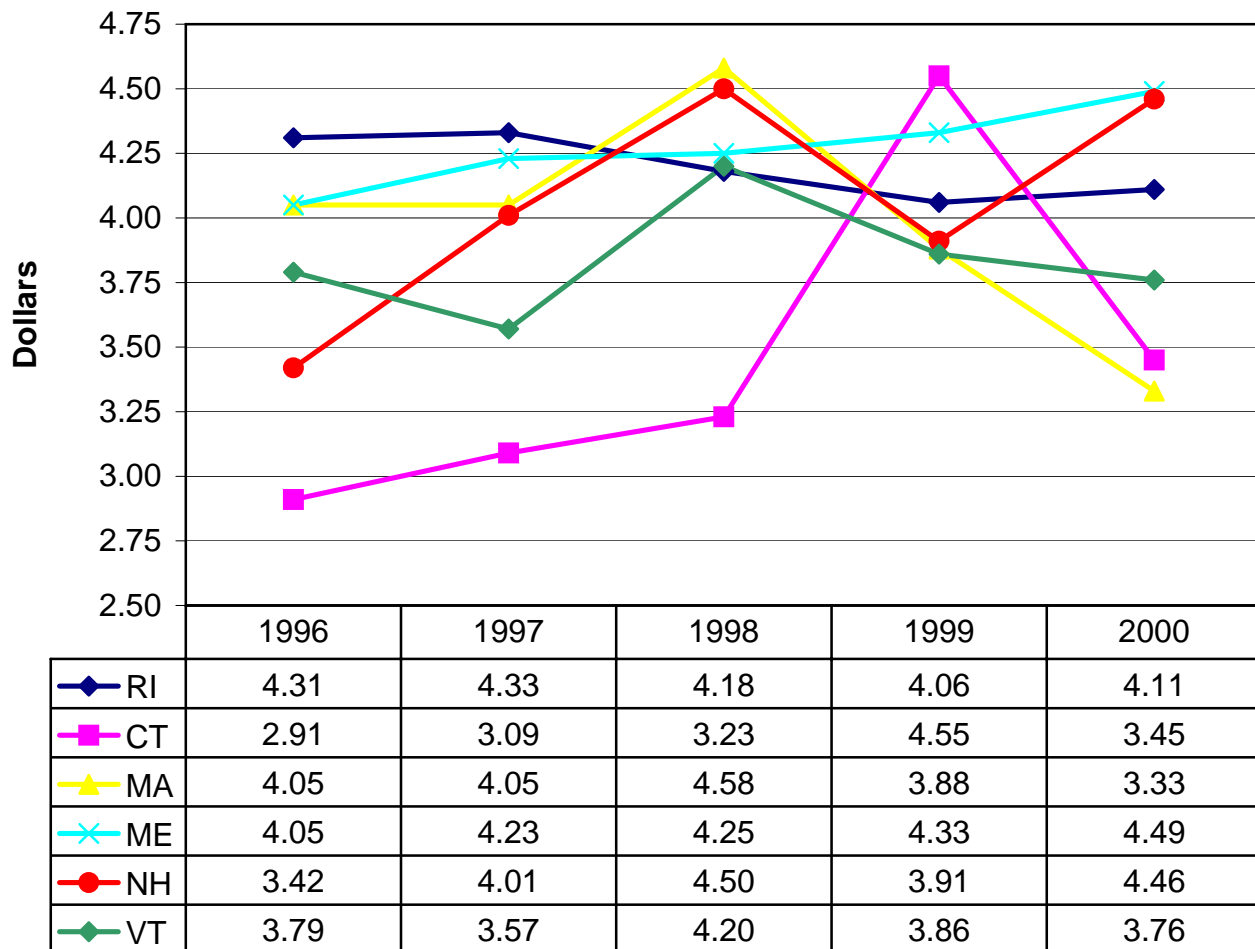
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Low Birthweight Infants by Race and Ethnicity Rhode Island, 1996-2000



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, quoted in the Kids Count Factbook 2001

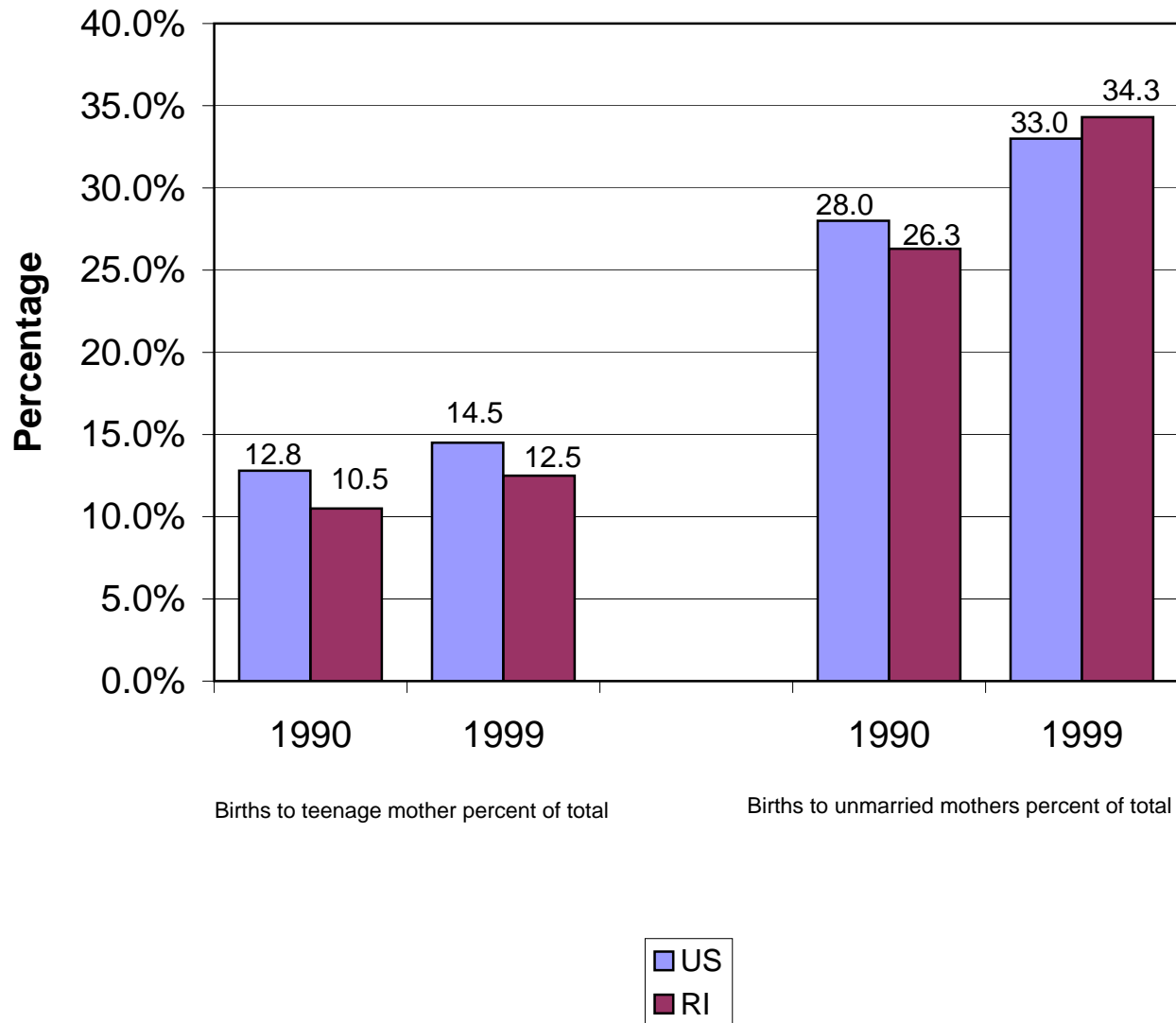
Total Child Support Collections per Dollar of Total Administrative Expenditure, New England, 1996-2000



Source: Form OCSE-34 line 14 (a+b+c)/OCSE-131 line 4 (a+b+c); beginning FY 1999 OCSE-34A line 8E/OCSE-396A line 9 (a+c).

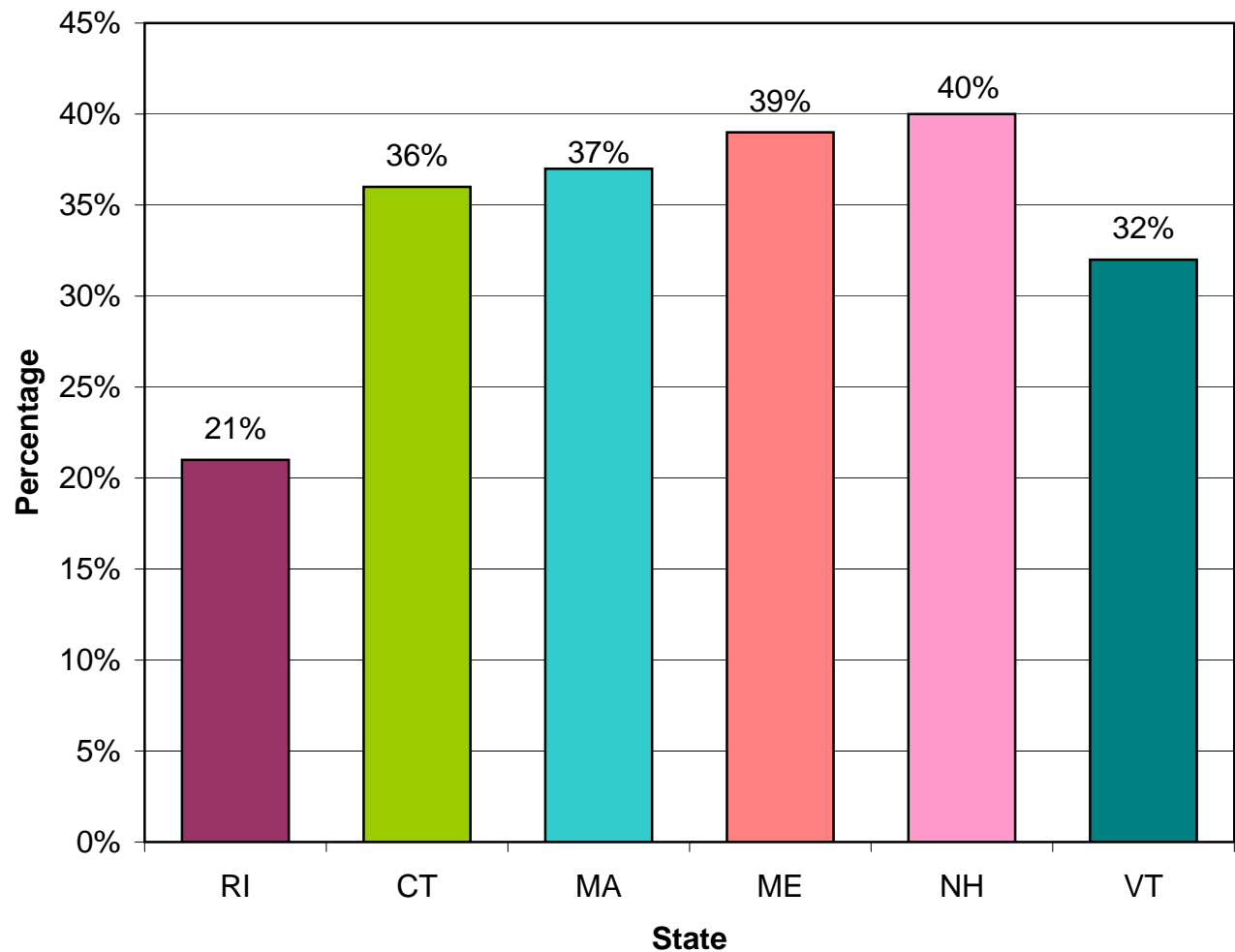
Note: This is not the formula that was used under the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act (CSPIA) of 1999.

Percent of Births to Teenage and Unmarried Mothers, United States and Rhode Island 1990 and 1999

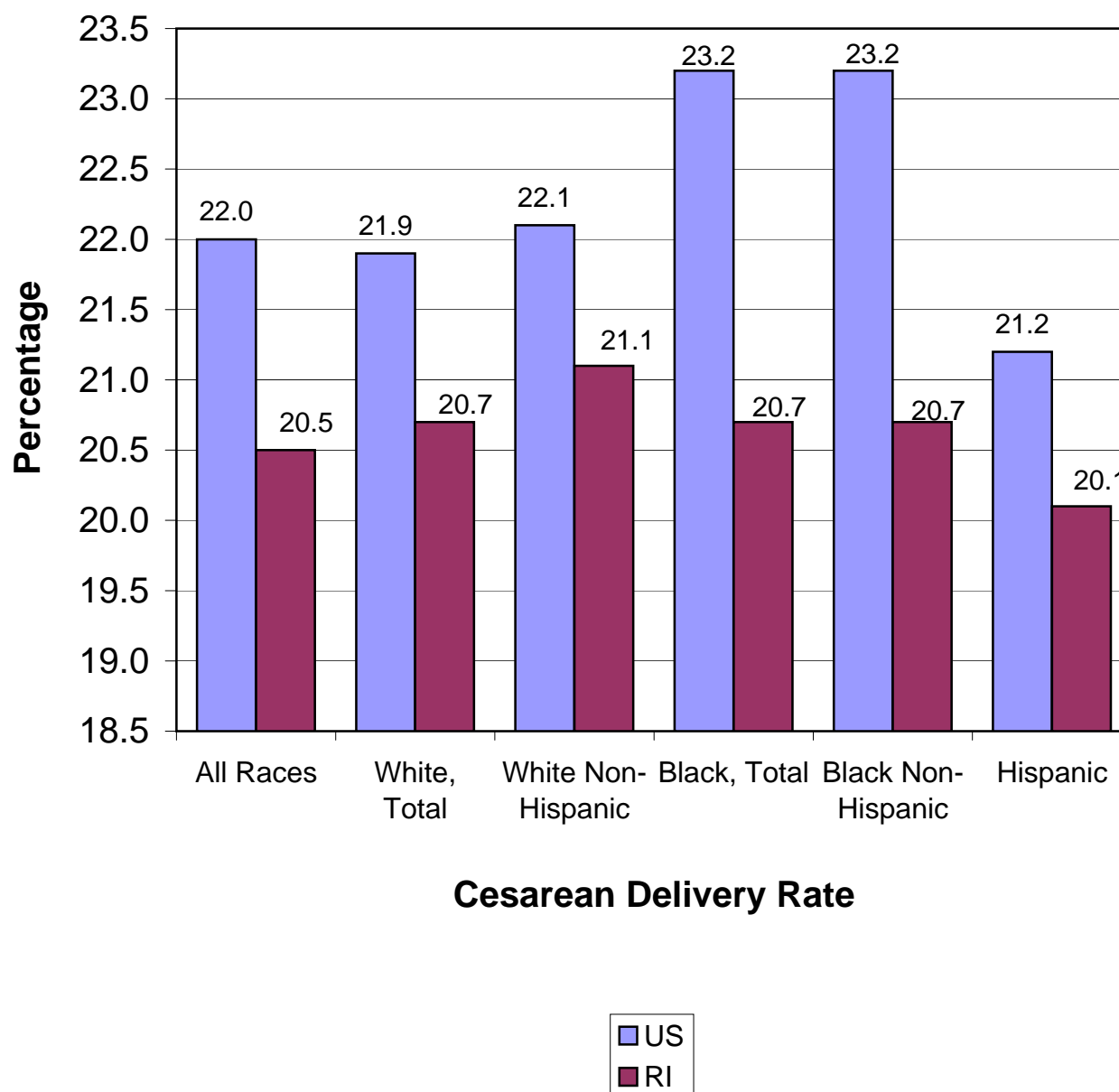


Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics of the United States, Annual and National Vital Statistics Report.

Percentage of Sexually Active Teens Receiving Publicly-Funded Contraceptive Services, New England, 1999



Cesarean Delivery by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, United States and Rhode Island, 1999

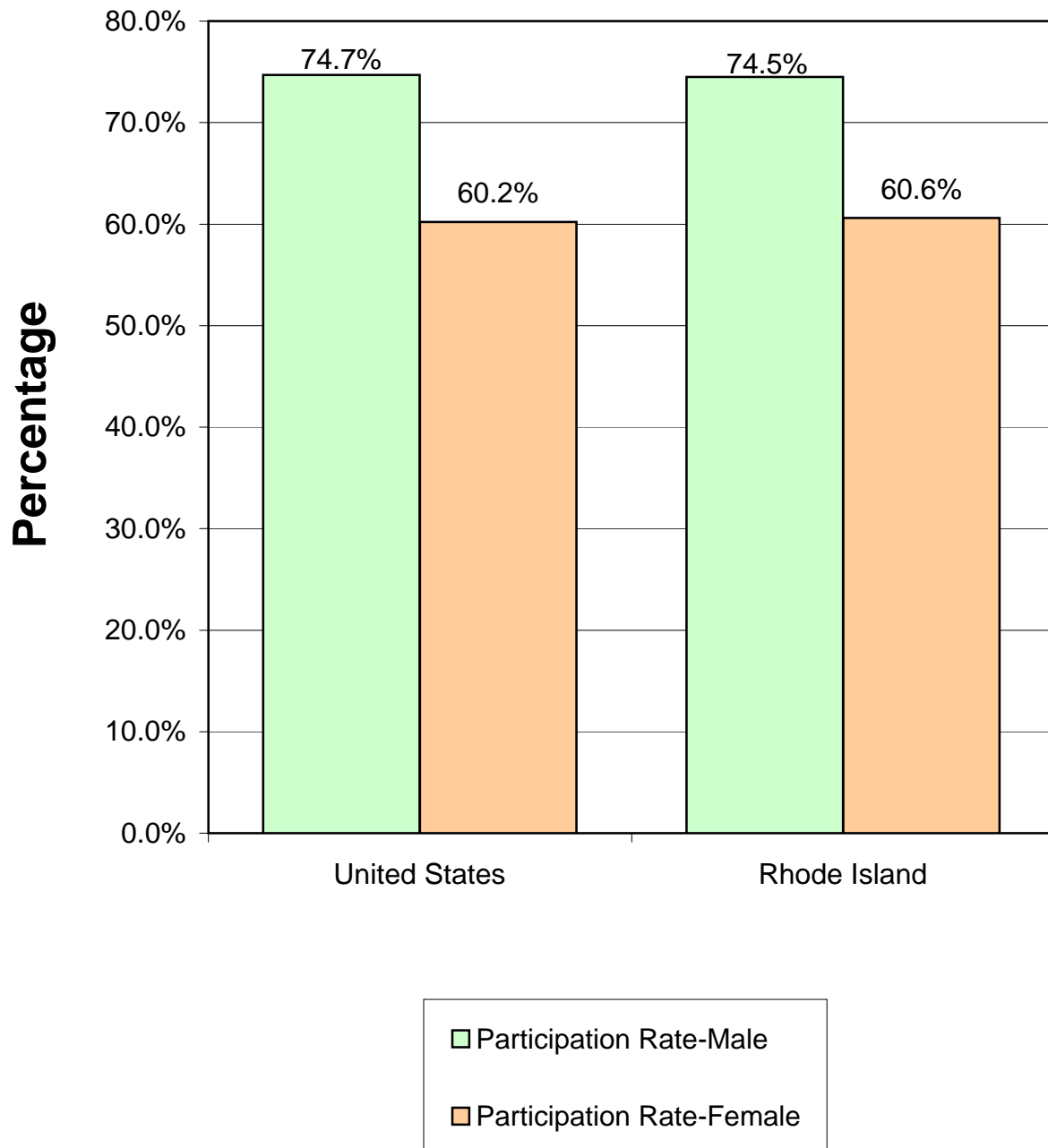


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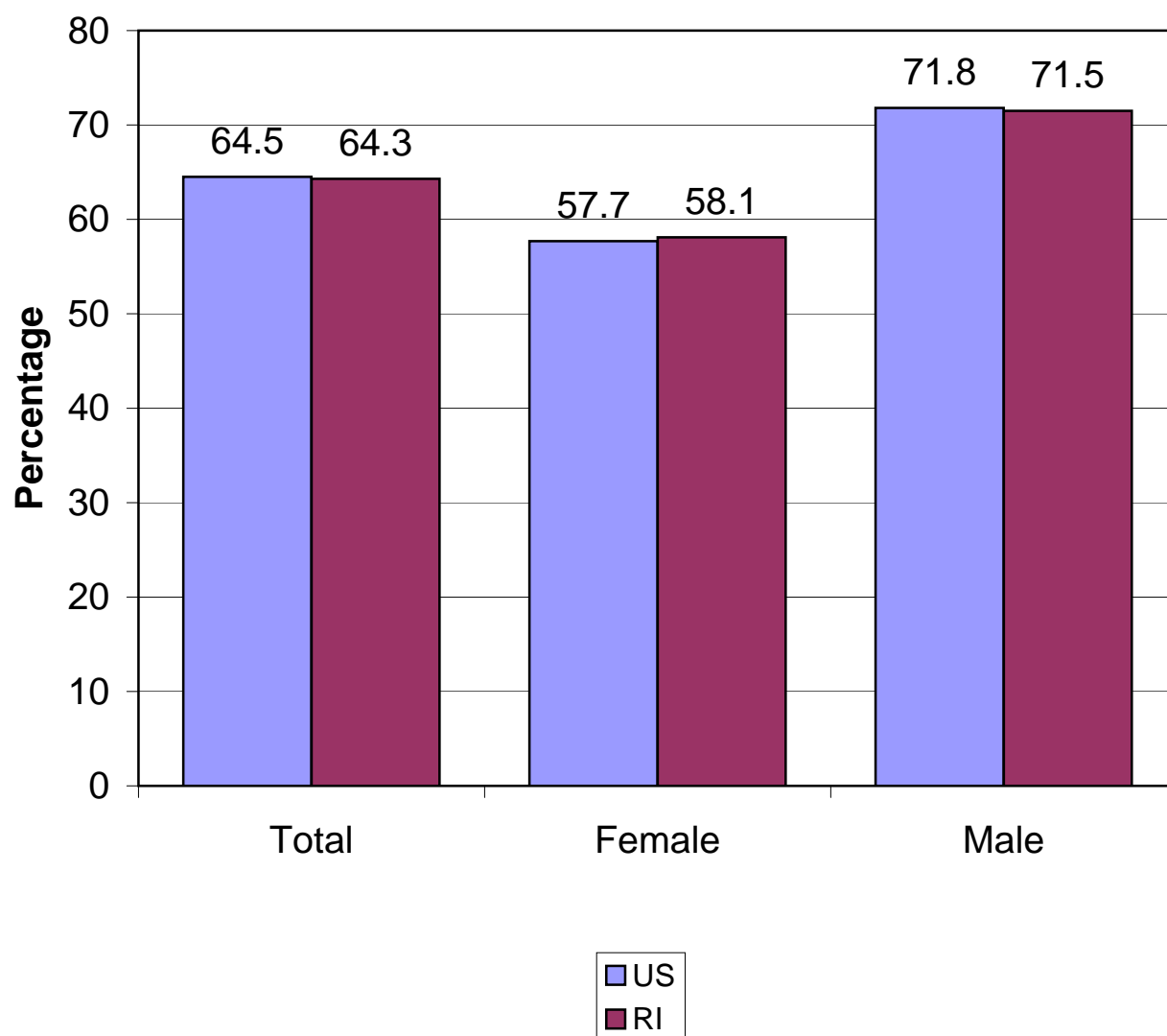
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Labor Force Participation Rate by Gender United States and Rhode Island, 2000



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2000

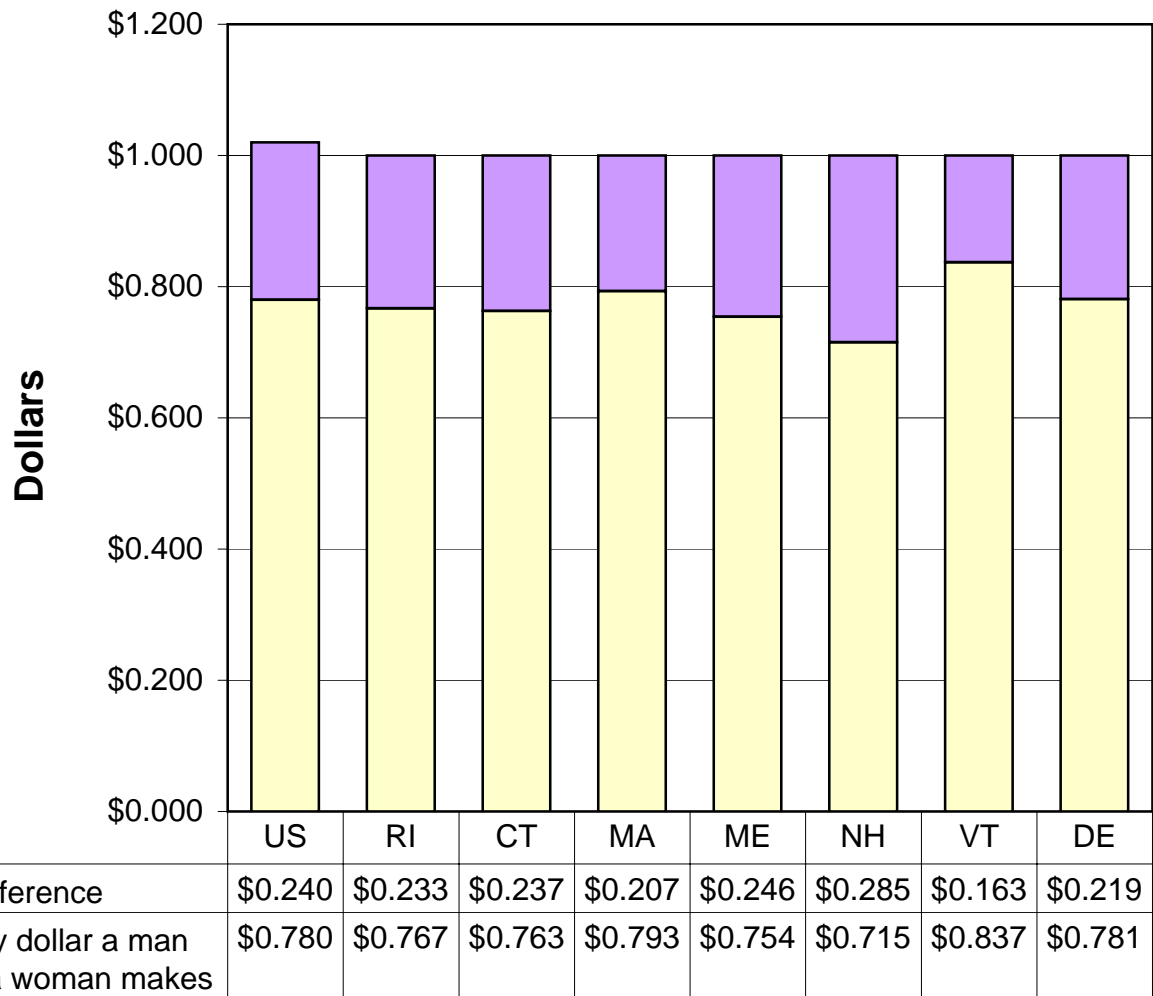
Employment Population Ratio* United States and Rhode Island, 2000



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics quoted in U.S. Census Bureau 2001

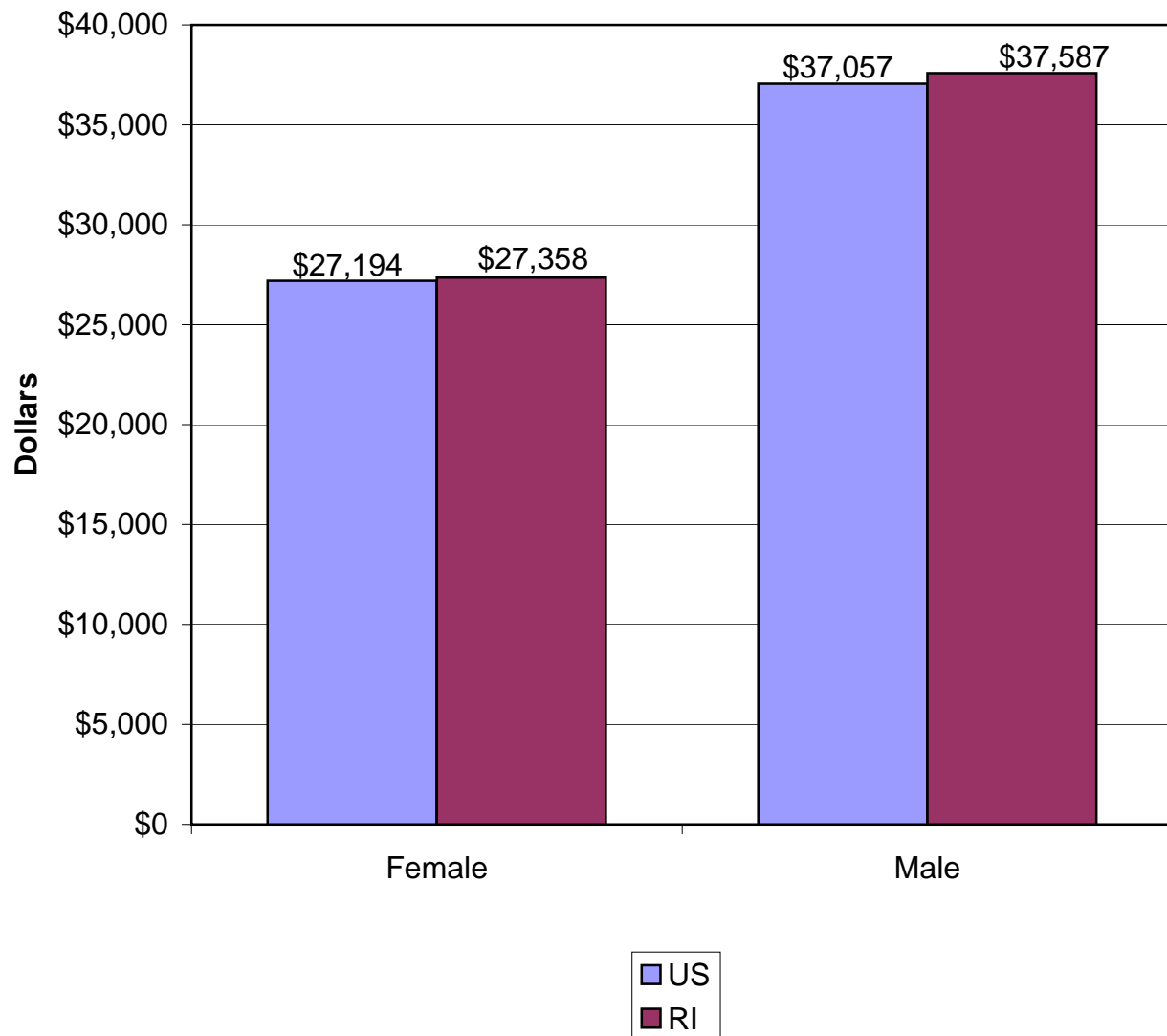
*The civilian employment as a percent of civilian noninstitutional population. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years or older.

Women's Earnings as a Percentage of Men's, United States, New England and Delaware, 2000



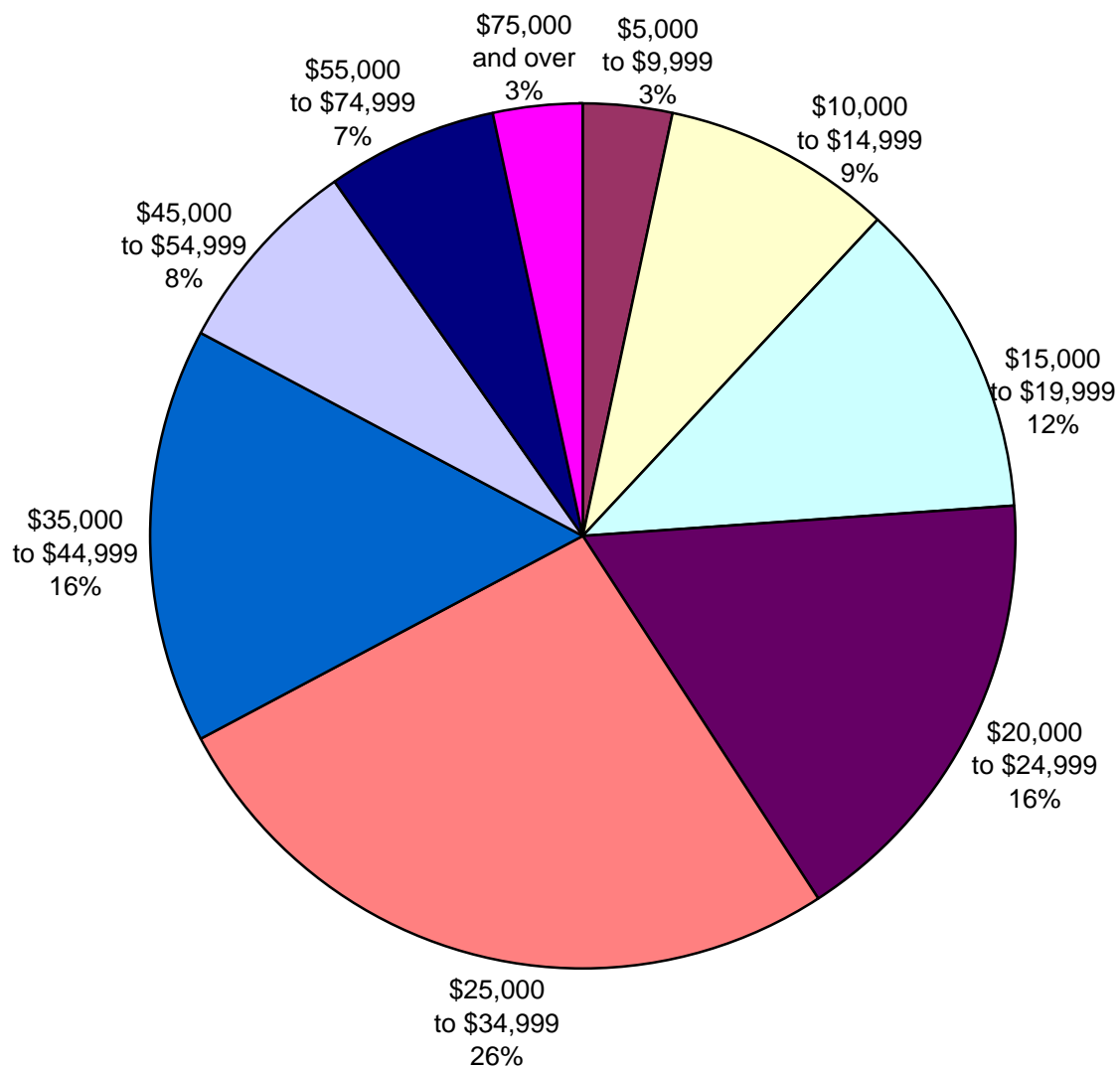
U.S. Census 2001

Median Annual Earning for Full-Time, Year Round Workers by Gender, United States and Rhode Island, 2000



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2000

Percent Distribution of Women with Earnings for the Population 16 Years and Over Rhode Island, 2000



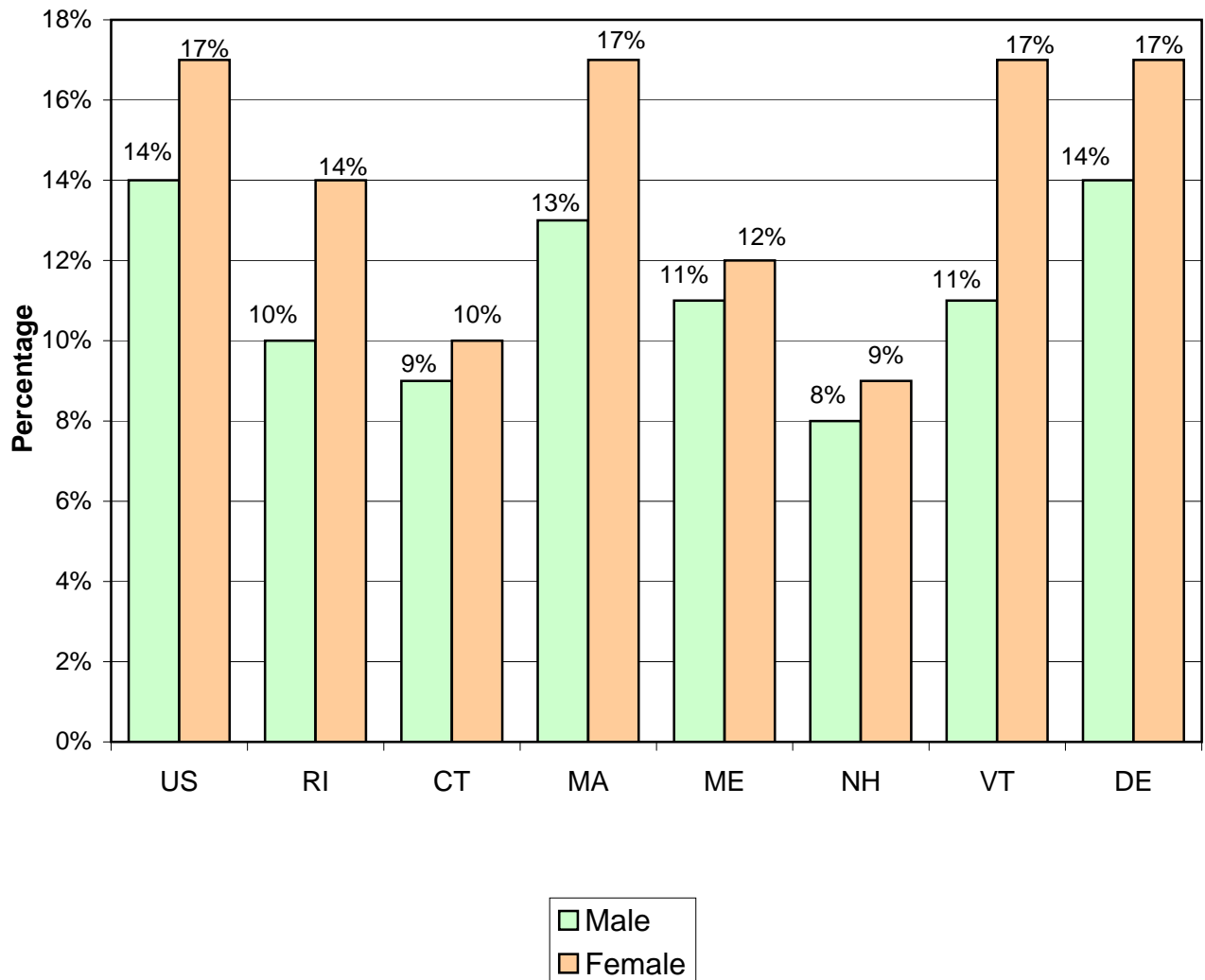
Source: U.S. Census 2000 Supplementary Summary Table

Note: The Census 2000 Supplementary Survey is limited to the household population and excluded the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate is represented through the use of a confidence interval. The confidence interval computed is 90%, and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90% certainty that the estimate numbers are true.

Poverty Rate by Gender

United States, New England and Delaware

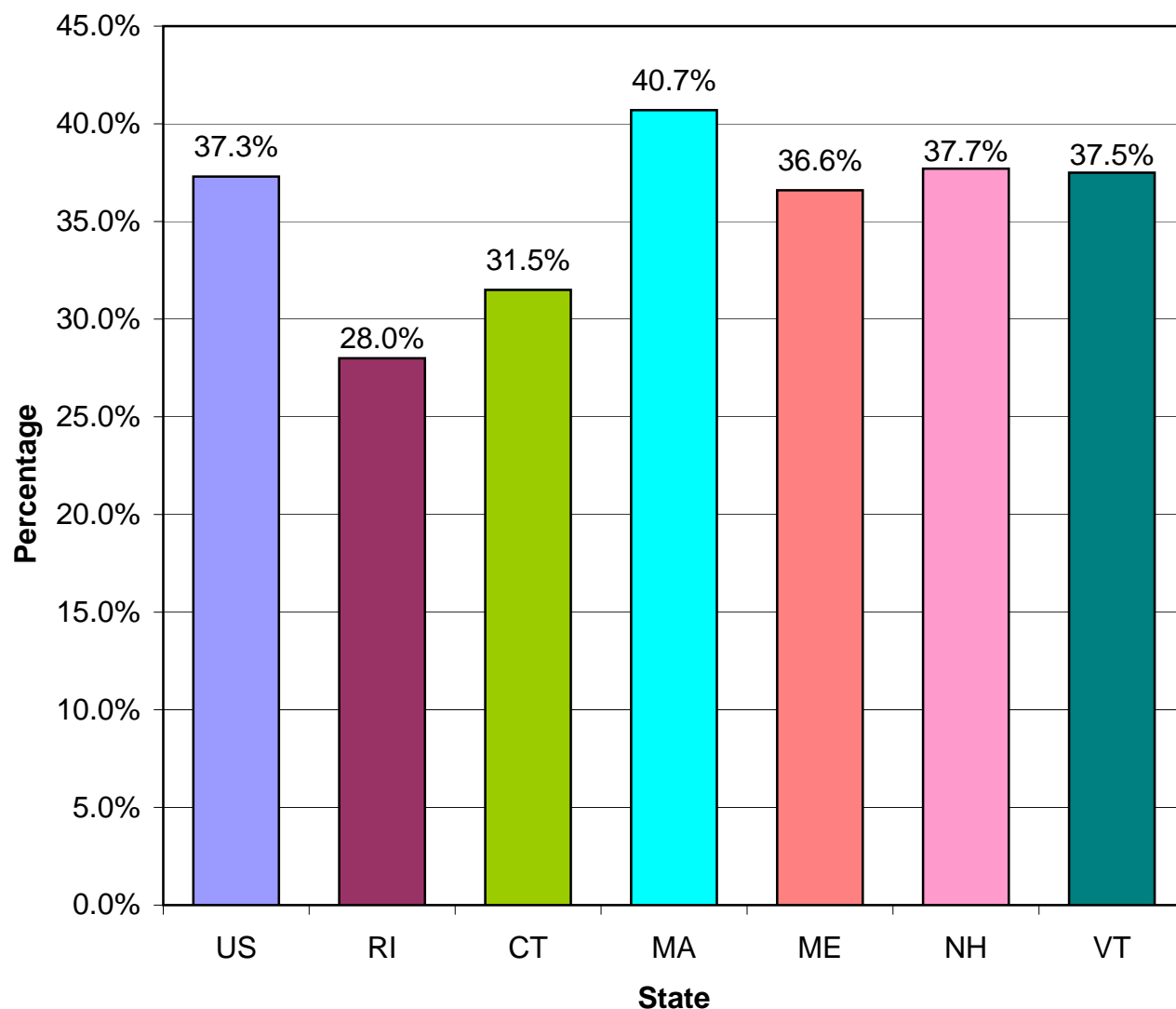
1999-2000



Source: Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Estimates based on pooled March 2000 and 2001 Current Population Surveys quoted in Henry J. Kaiser Foundation State Health Facts On-Line 2002.

Note: Persons in poverty are defined as those who make less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) referred to as the poverty threshold. The FPL for a family of three was \$13,738 in 2000 and \$13,853 in 2001.

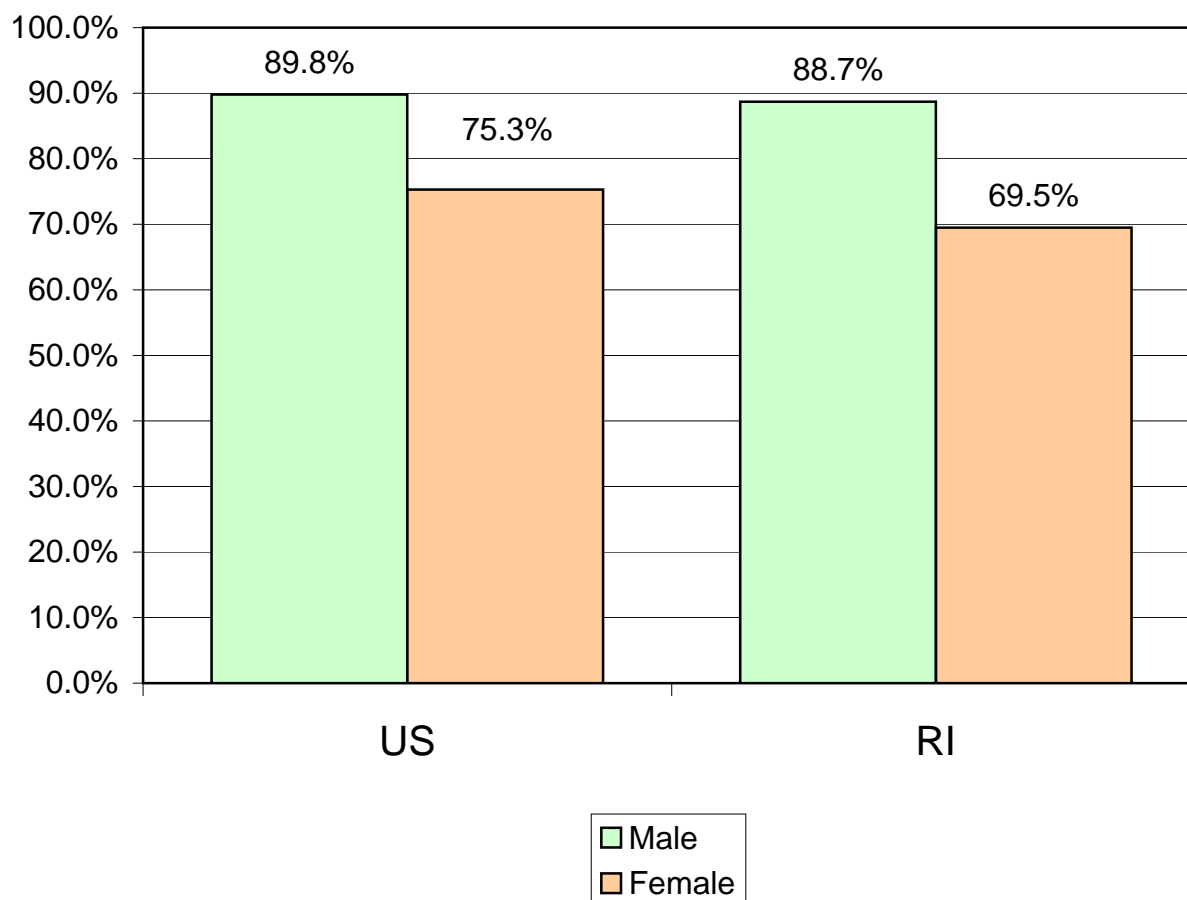
Self-Employed Women as a Percent of Total Industries United States and New England, 1997



Source: U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy with data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2000, quoted in U.S. Census 2001.

Note: Includes women 16 years old and over. These data represent women who reported their primary occupation as "self-employed."

Full Time Employment Status by Gender United States and Rhode Island, 2000

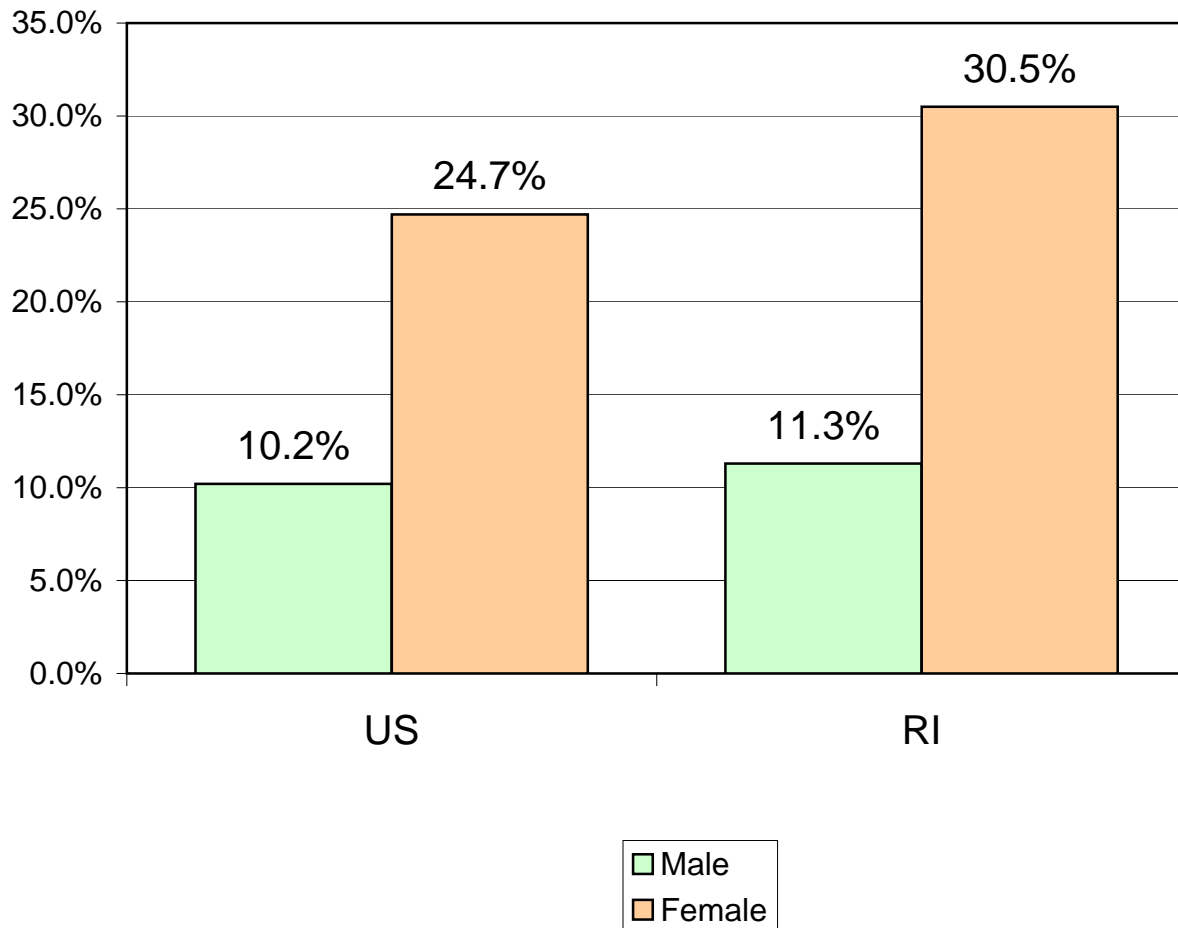


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2001

Note: Data excludes persons without previous work experience.

Note: Employed persons are classified as full- or part- time workers based on their usual weekly hours at all jobs regardless of the number of hours worked during the reference week. persons absent from work are classified according to their usual status. A full time worker is one who usually works 35 or more hours per week.

Part Time Employment Status by Gender United States and Rhode Island, 2000

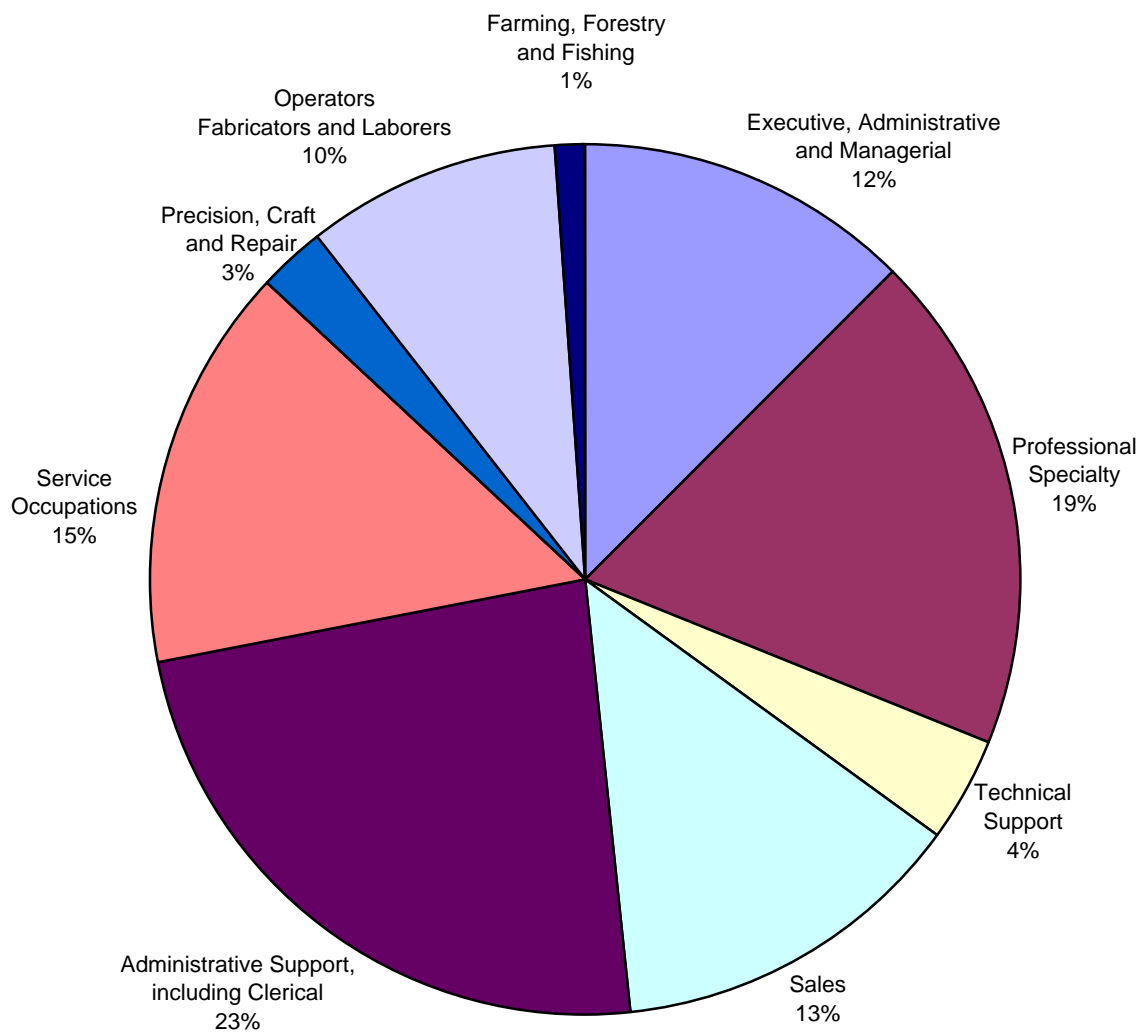


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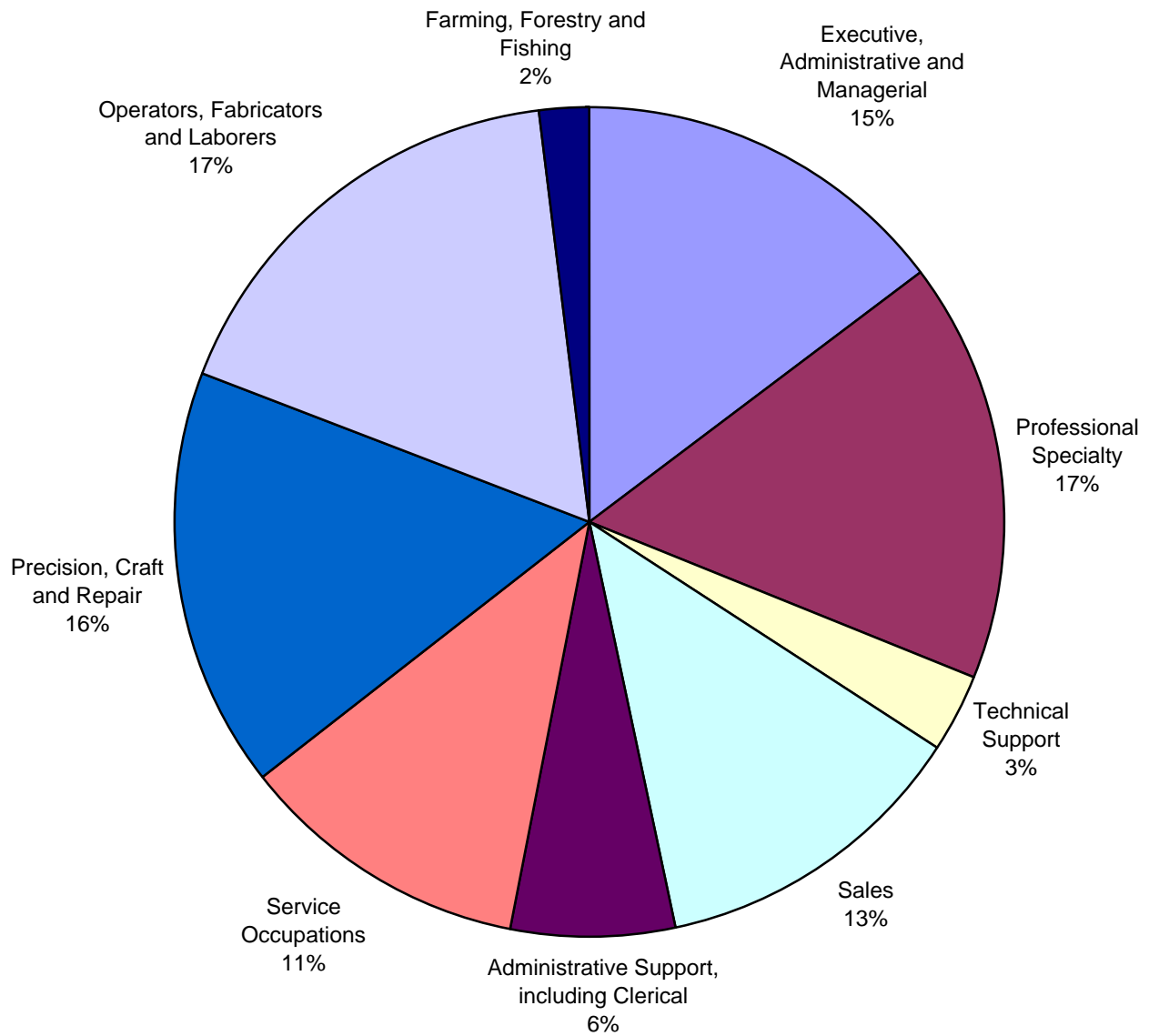
Percent Distribution of Employed Persons, Rhode Island, 1999

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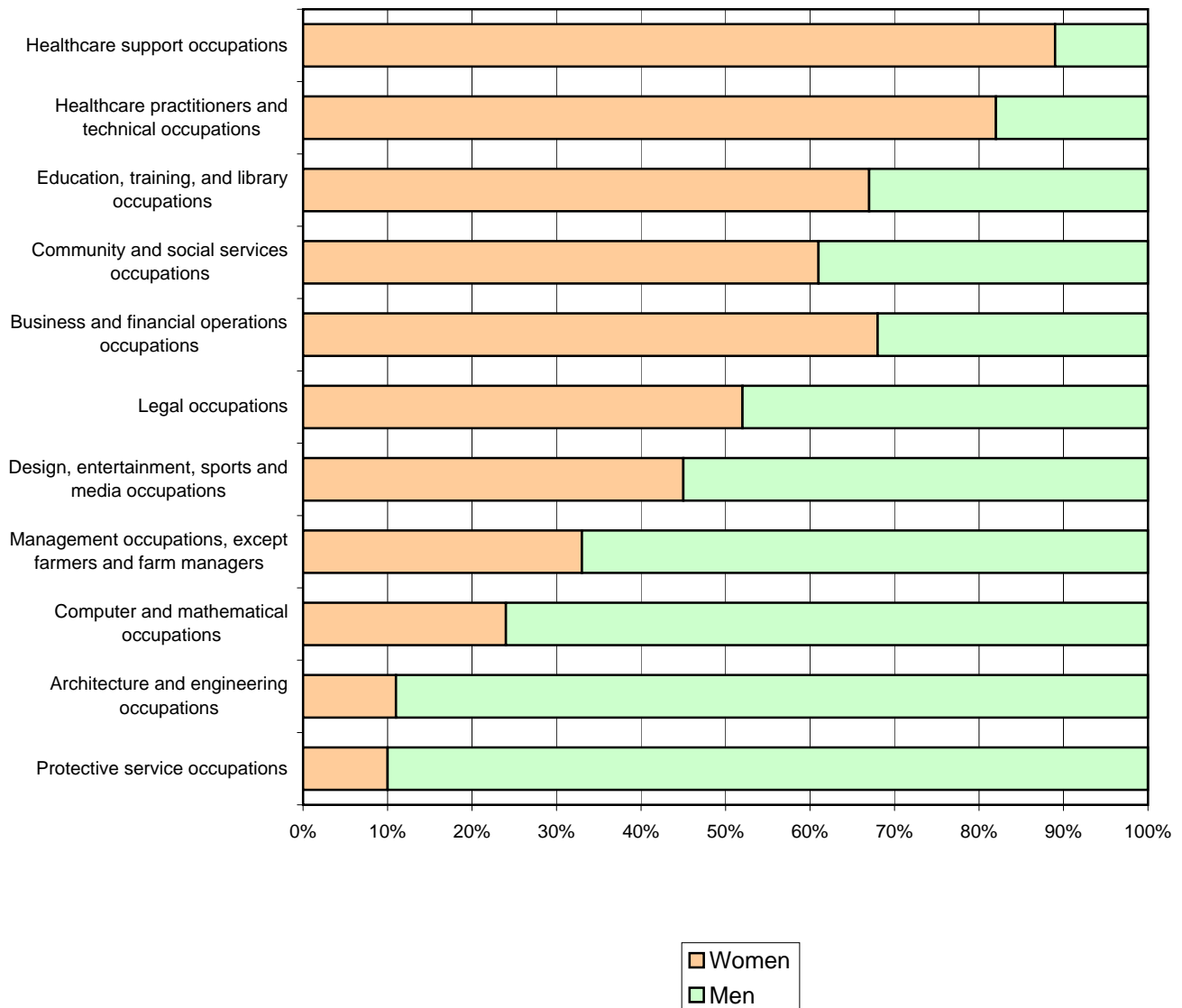


Percent Distribution of Employed Persons, Rhode Island 1999

Men



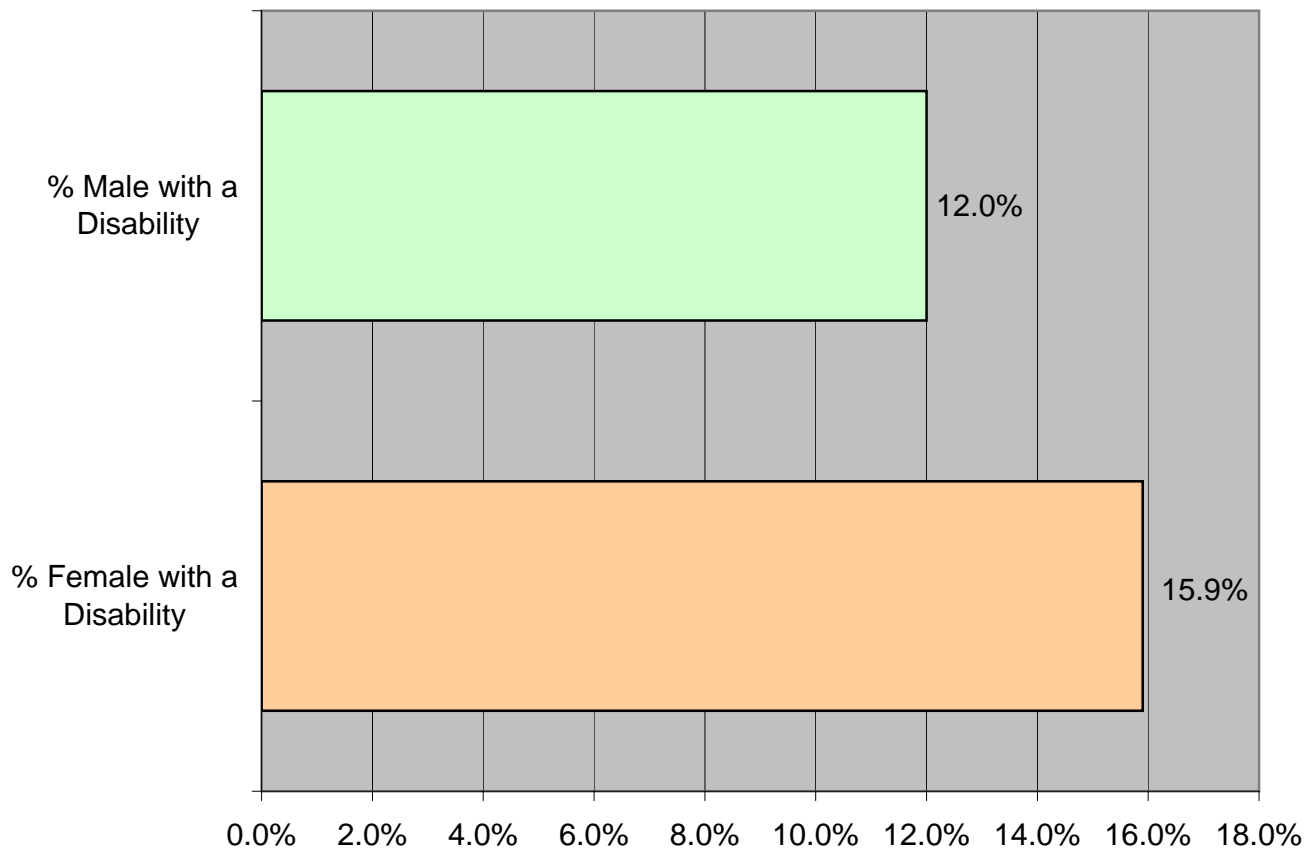
Occupation for the Employed Civilian Population by Gender, 16 Years and Older Rhode Island, 2000 Estimate



Source: U.S. Census Supplementary Survey Summary Table

Note: Data based on 12 monthly samples during 2000. The Census 2000 Supplemental Survey universe is limited to the household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other quarters. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate is represented through the use of a confidence interval. The confidence interval here is computed at 90% and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90% certainty that the estimated numbers are true.

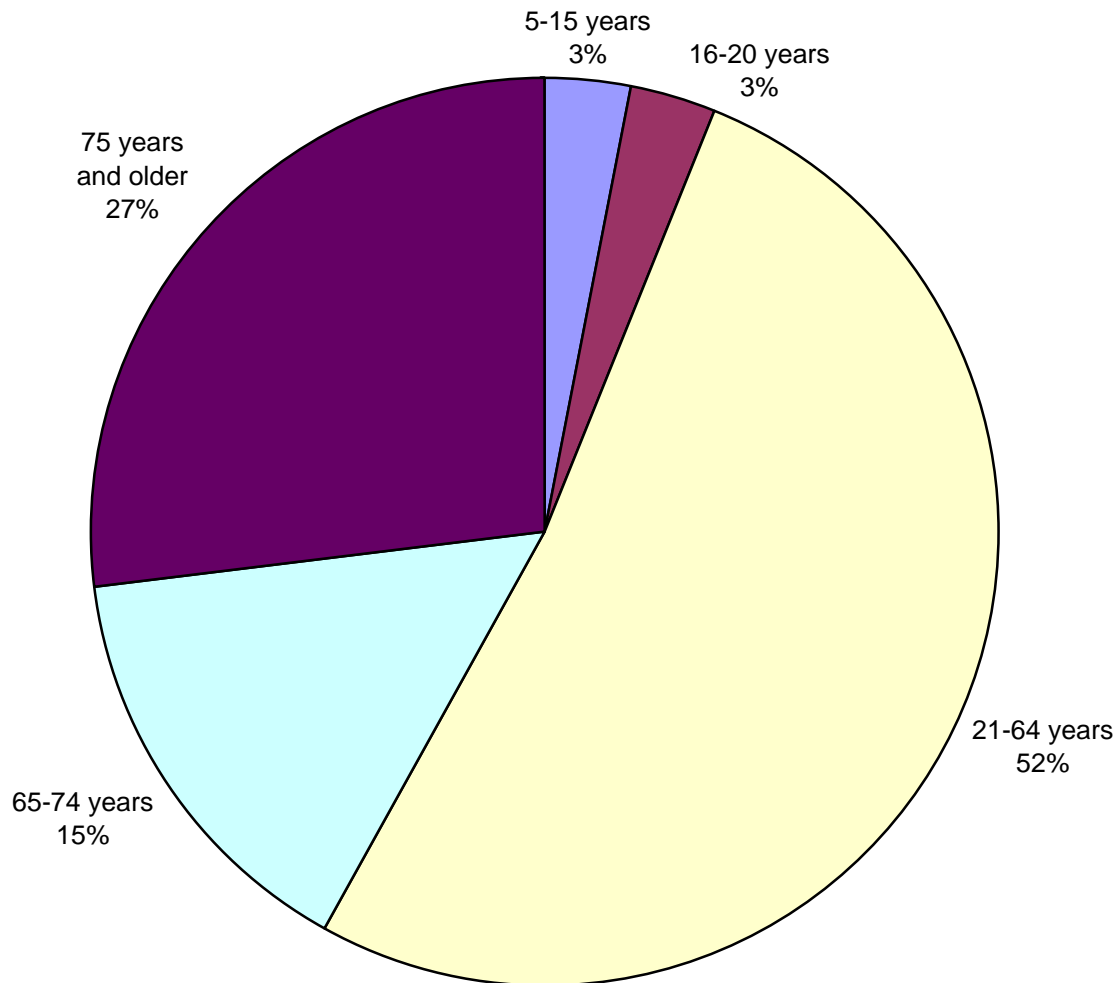
Population 5 years or older with Disability By Gender, Rhode Island, 2000



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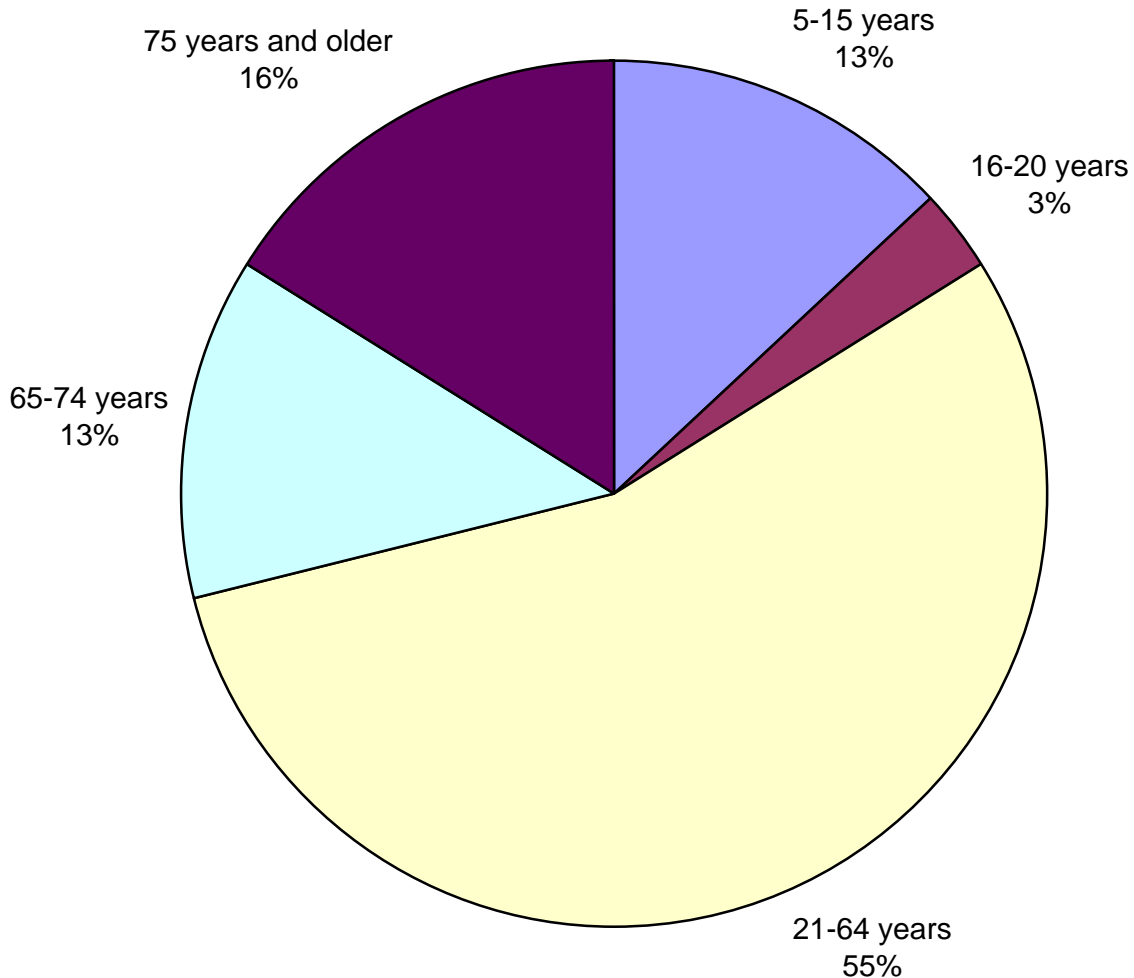
Female with Disability by Age, Rhode Island, 2000



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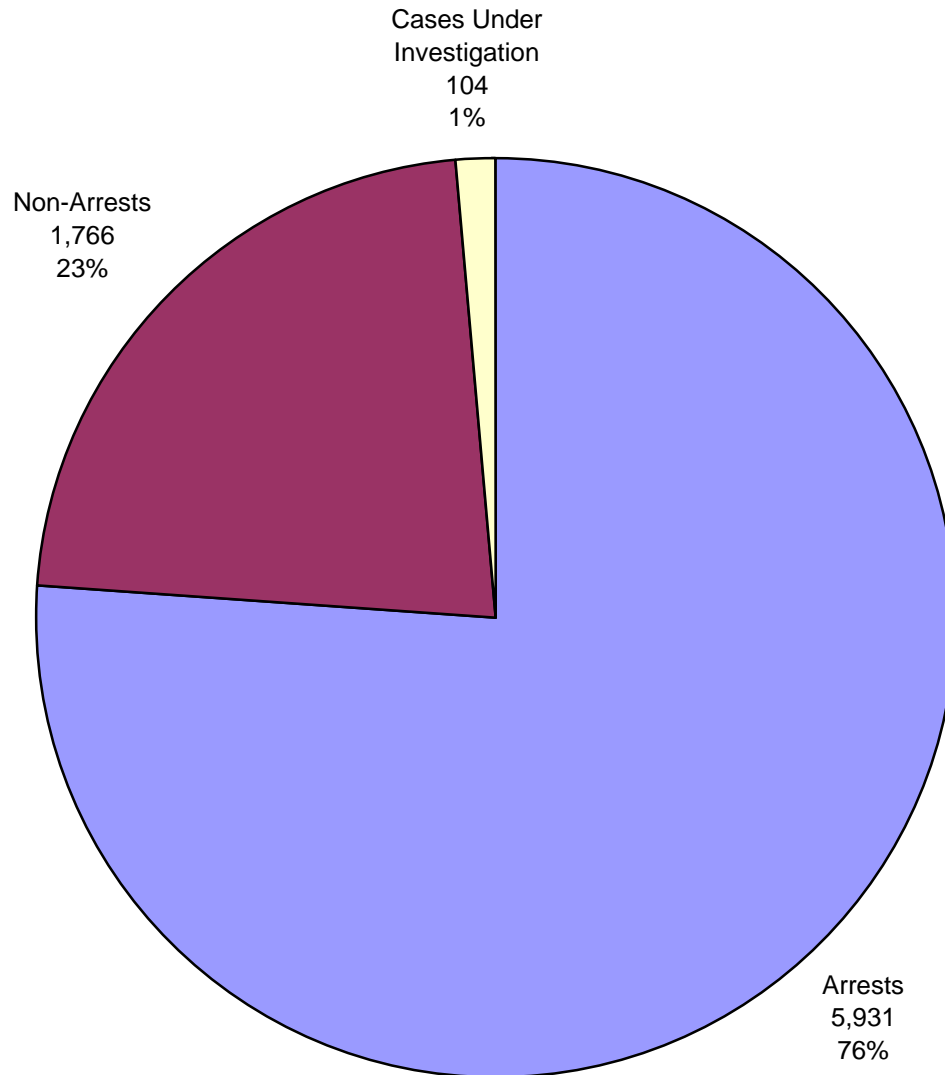
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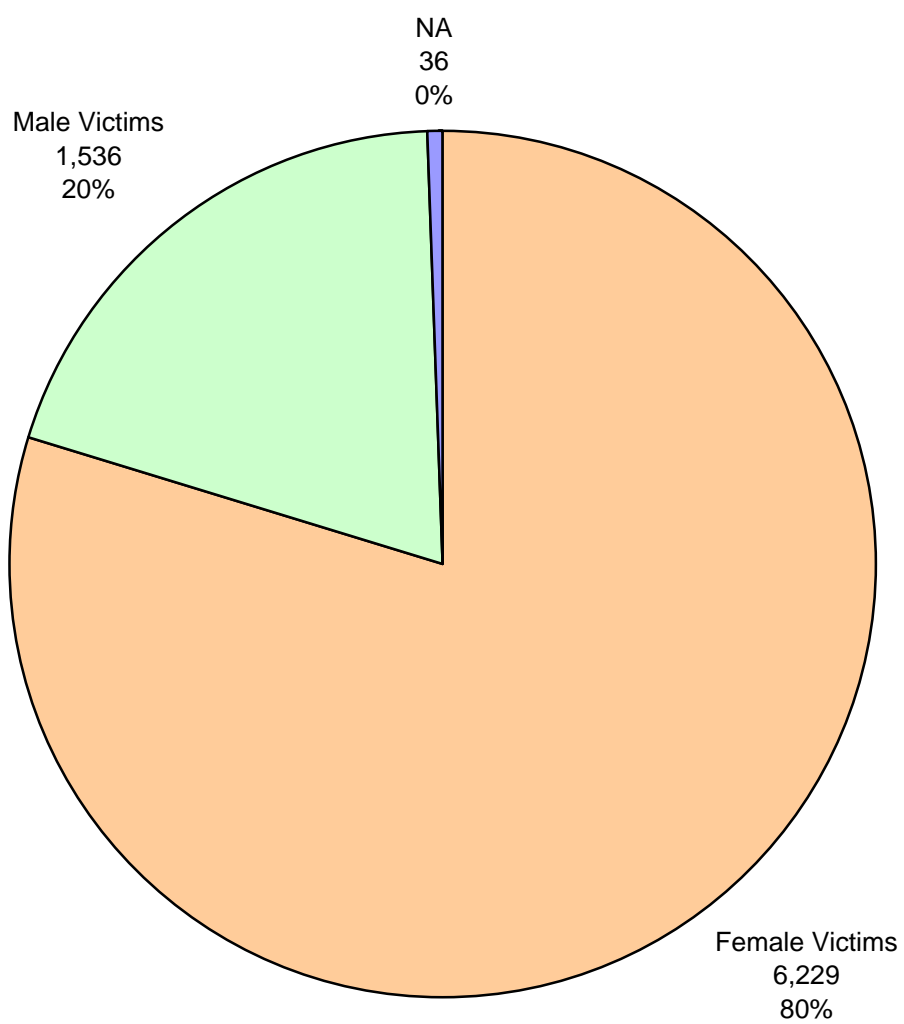
Violence Against Women

Total Domestic Violence Cases Rhode Island, 2000



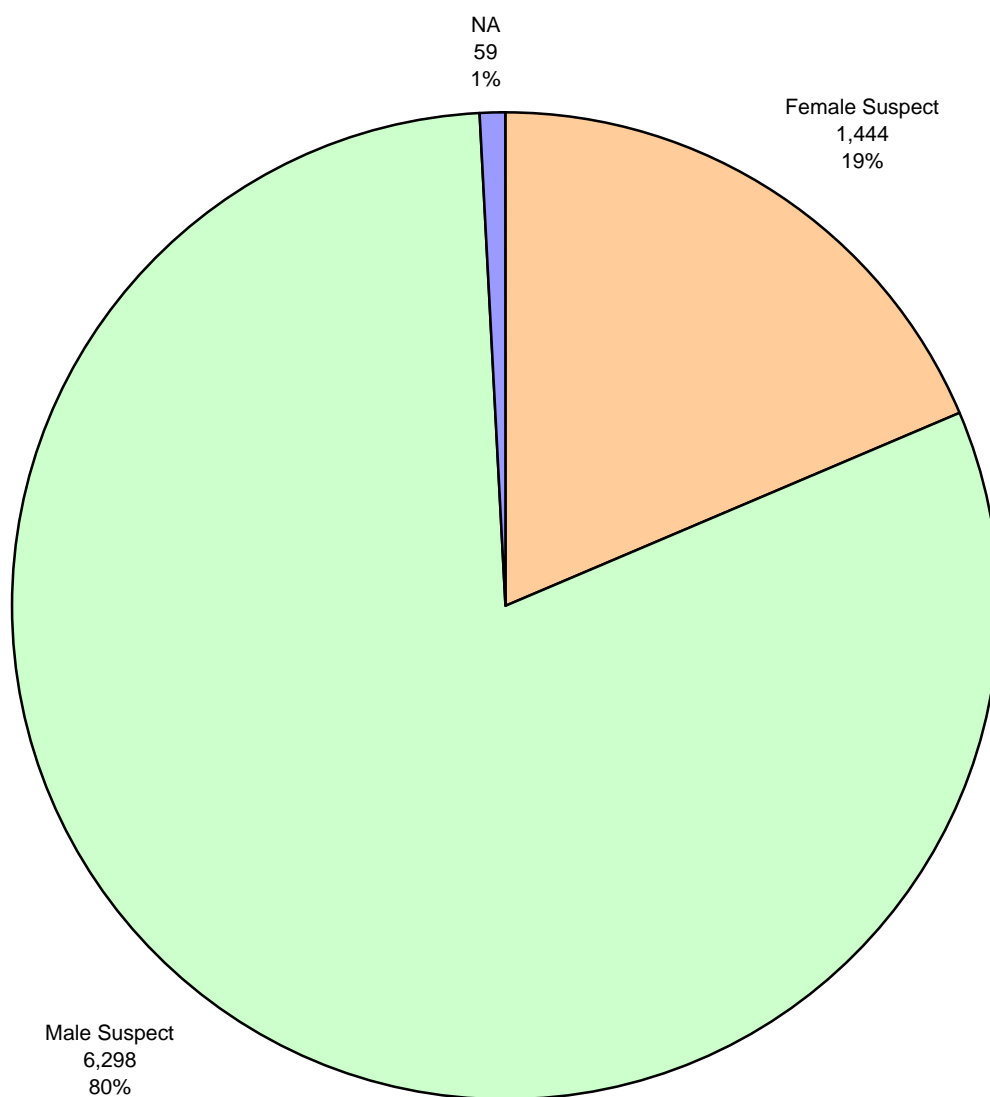
Source: RI Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit 2002

Victims of Domestic Violence by Gender Rhode Island, 2000



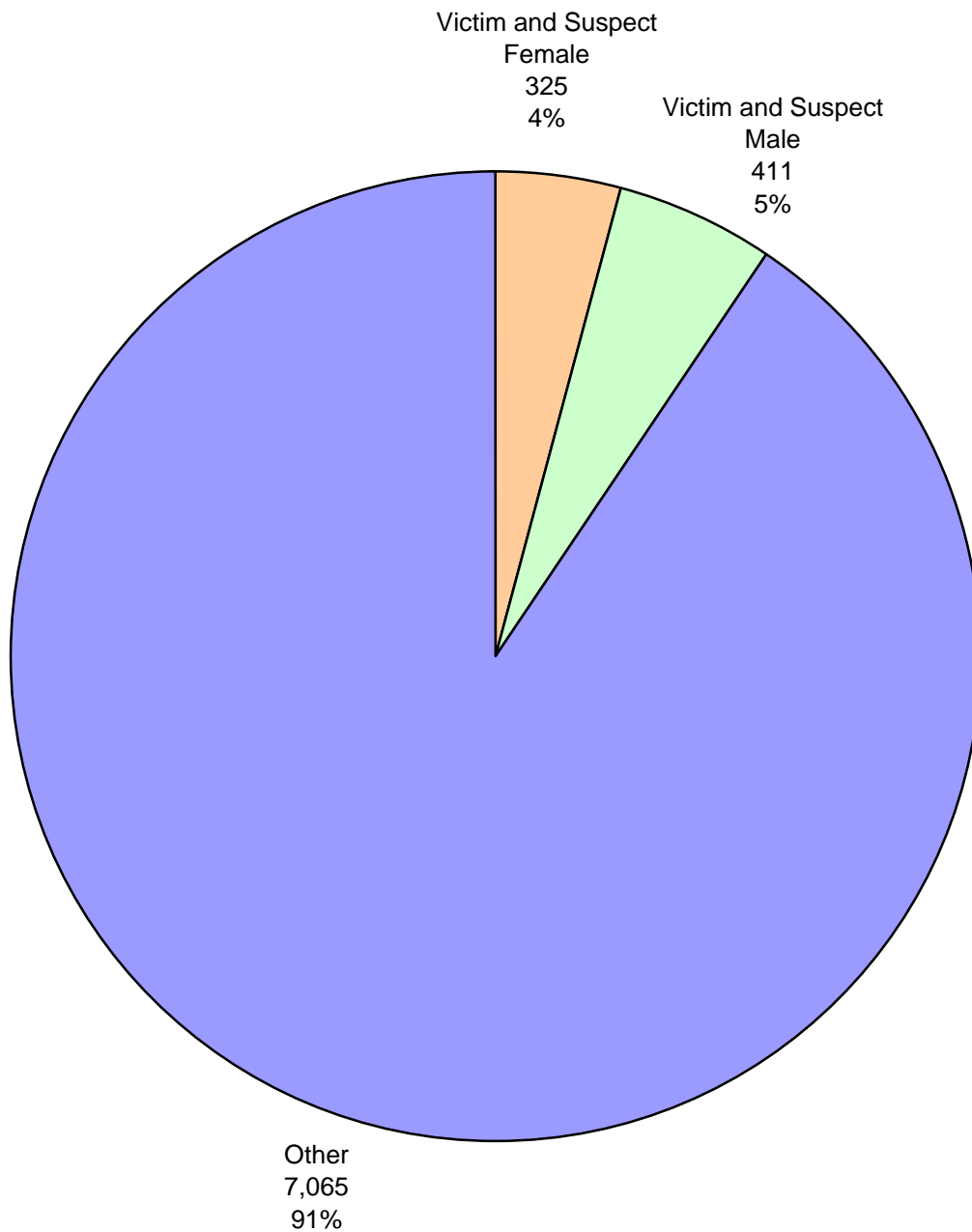
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Offenders of Family Violence by Gender Rhode Island, 2000



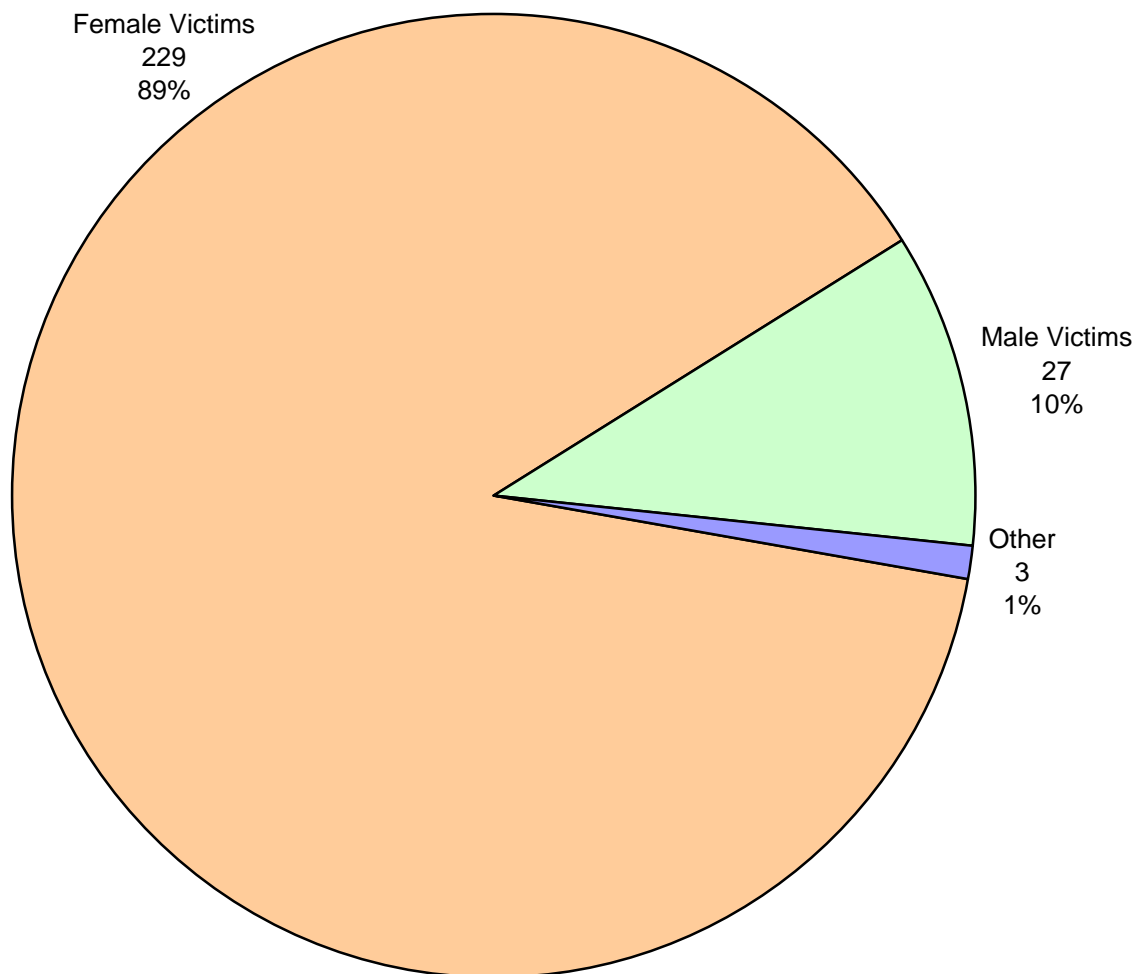
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Domestic Violence Cases in which both Victim and Suspect were of the Same Gender Rhode Island, 2000



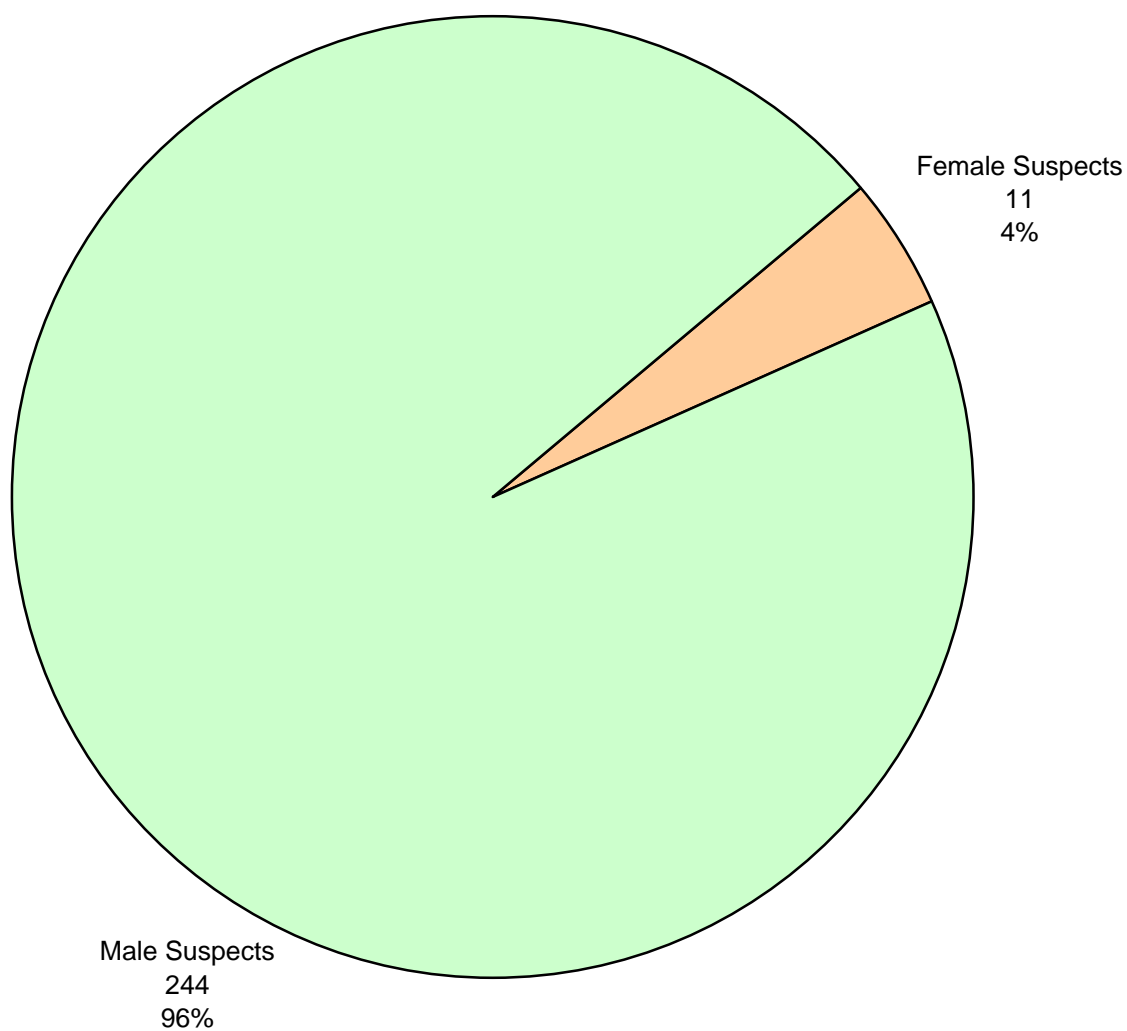
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Sexual Assault Victims by Gender Rhode Island, 2000



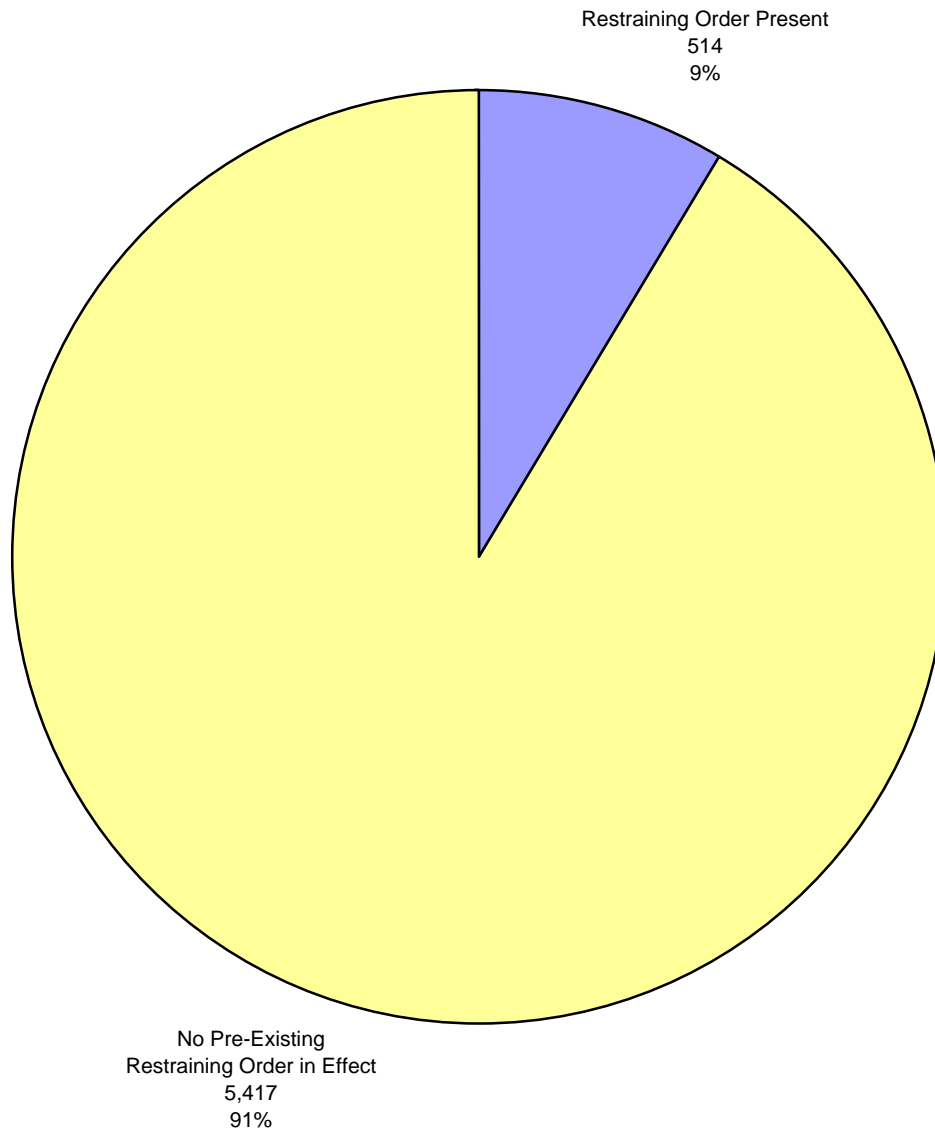
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Offenders of Sexual Assault by Gender Rhode Island, 2000



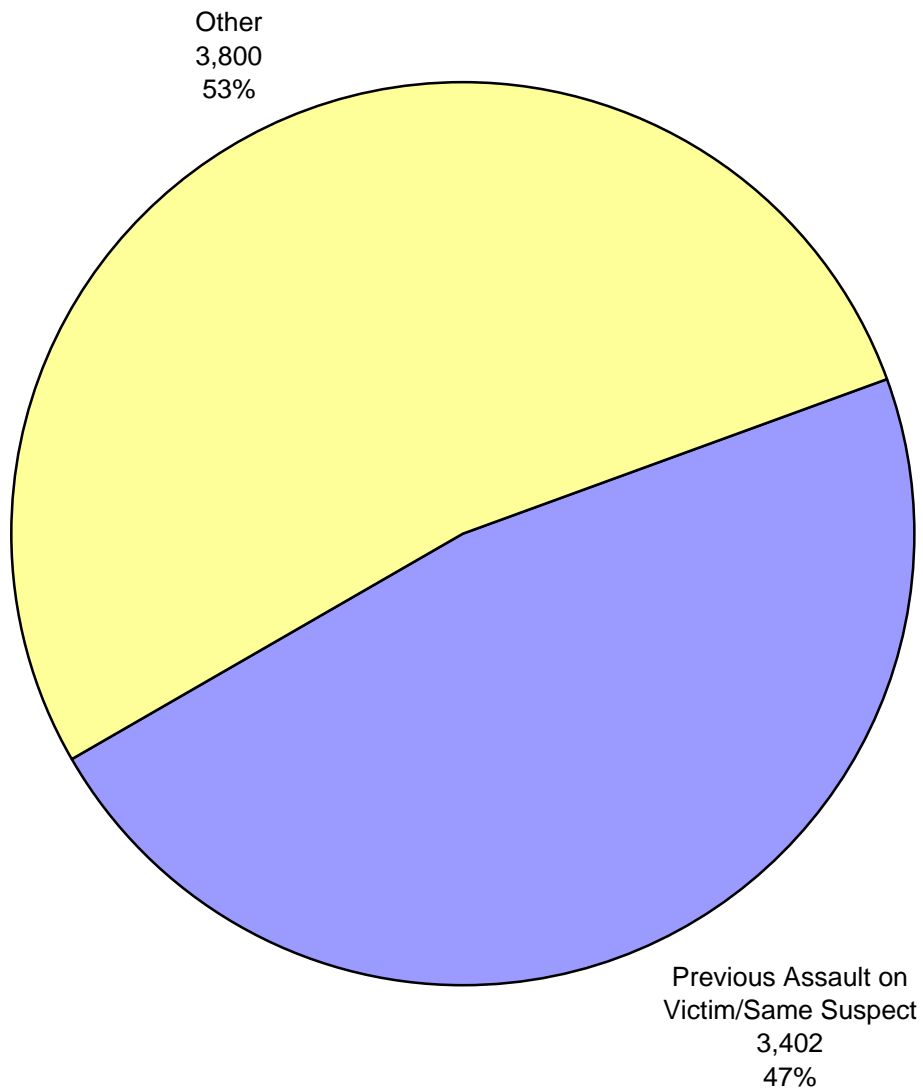
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Arrest Cases with Pre-Existing Restraining Orders Rhode Island, 2000



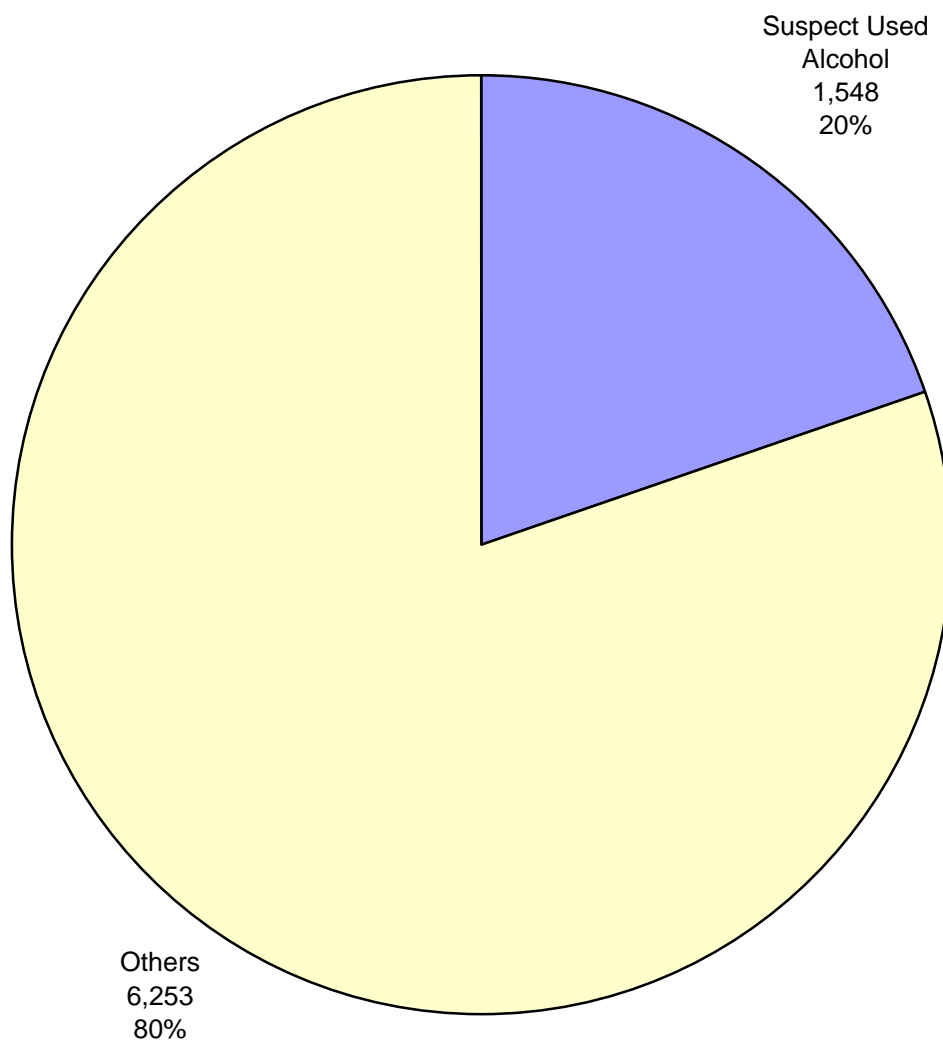
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**Domestic Violence Cases
Previous Assault on Victim/Same Suspect
Rhode Island, 2000**



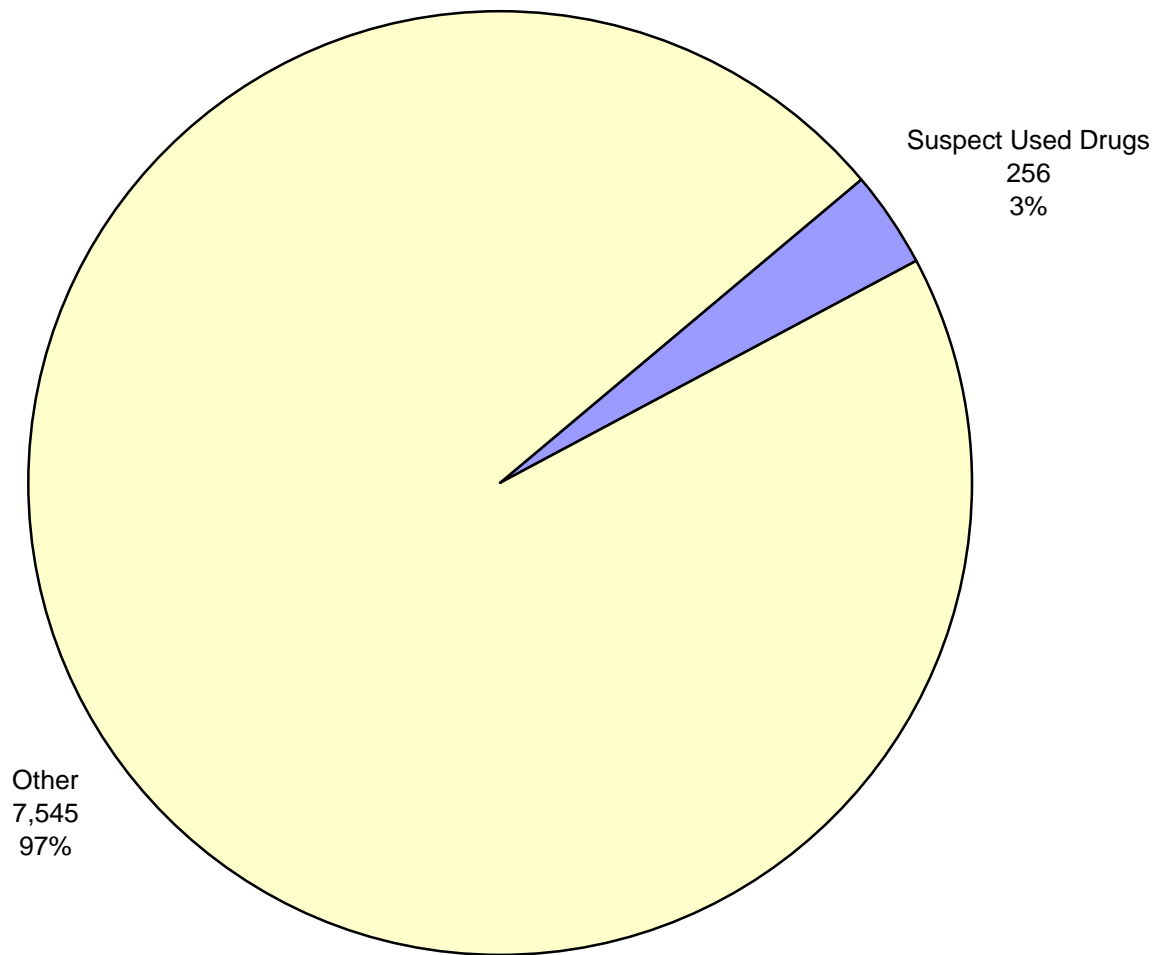
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Domestic Violence Cases Suspects Used Alcohol Rhode Island, 2000



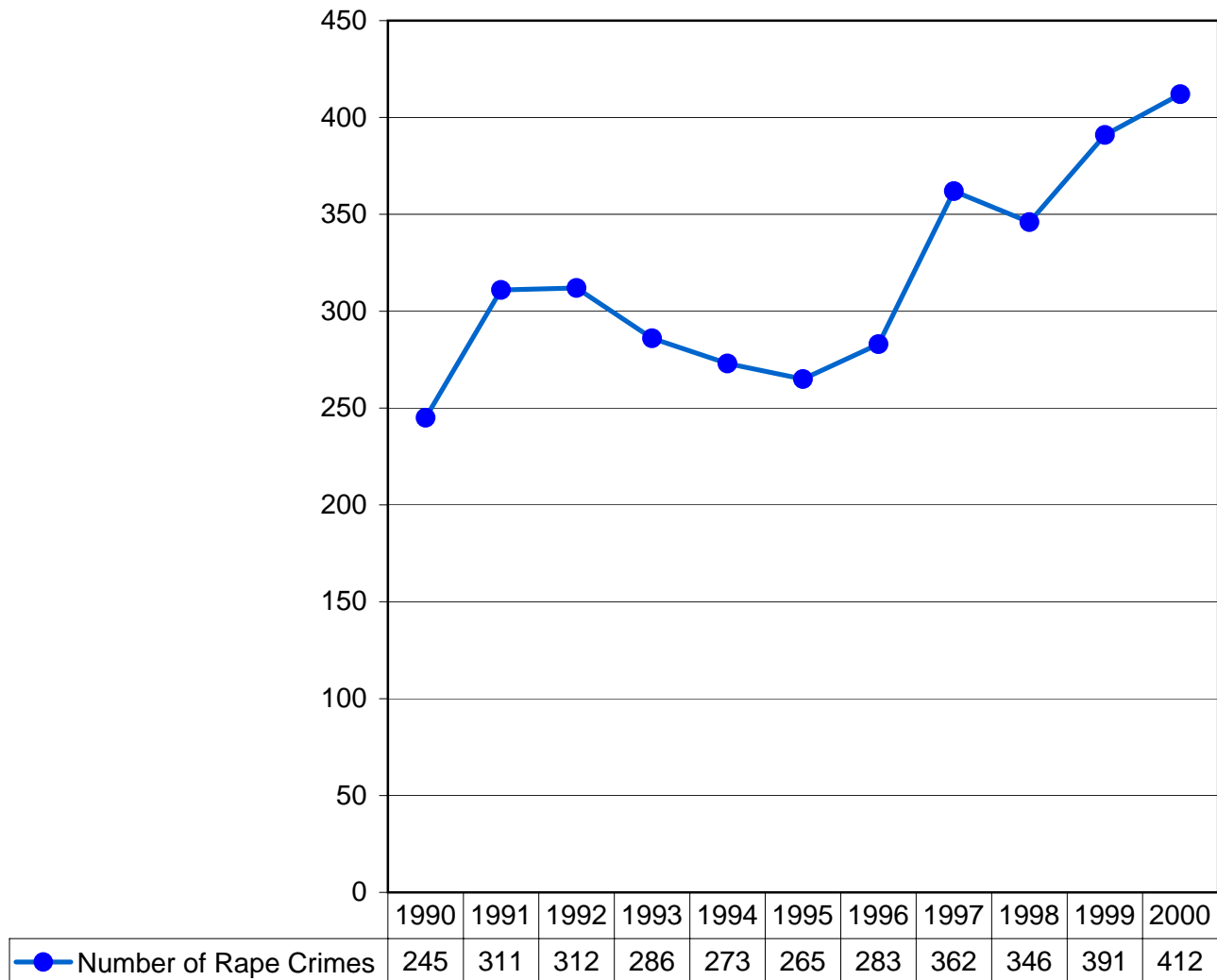
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**Domestic Violence Cases
Suspect Used Drugs
Rhode Island, 2000**



Source: RI Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit 2002

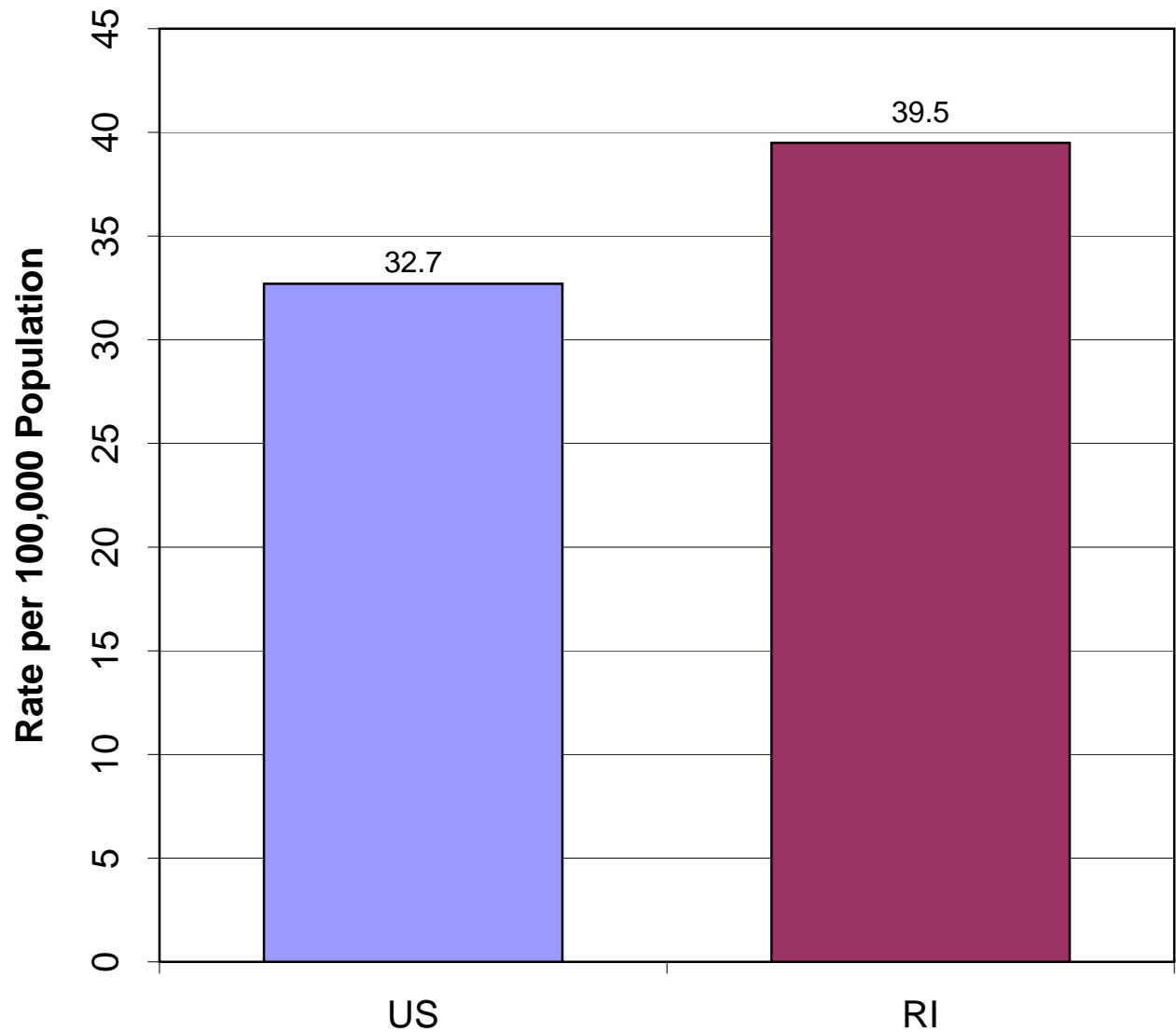
Rape Crimes, Rhode Island, 1990-2000



Source: Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit 2002

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Rape Crimes United States and Rhode Island, 2000



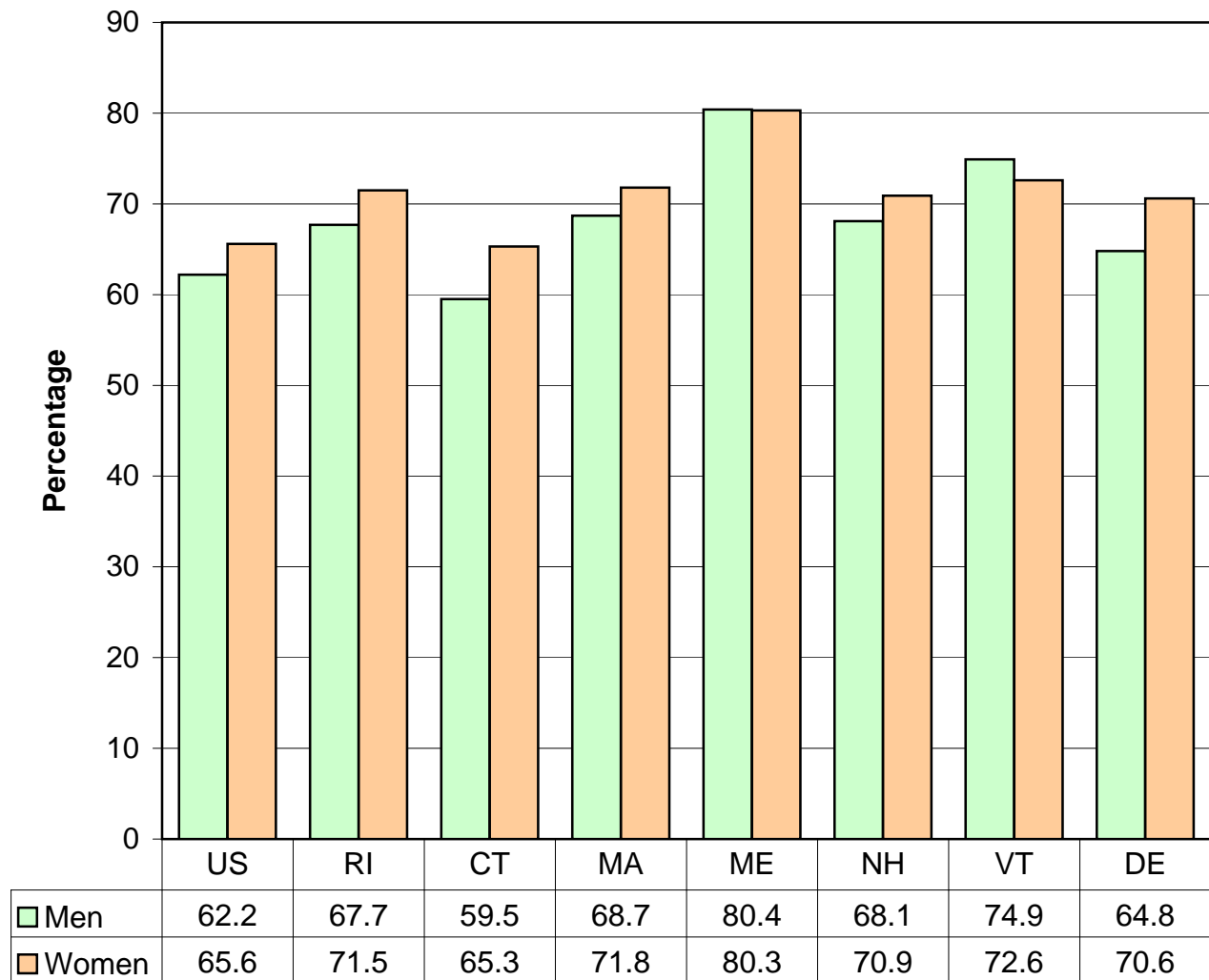
Source: Rhode Island State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit 2002

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Chapter 5

Women and Politics

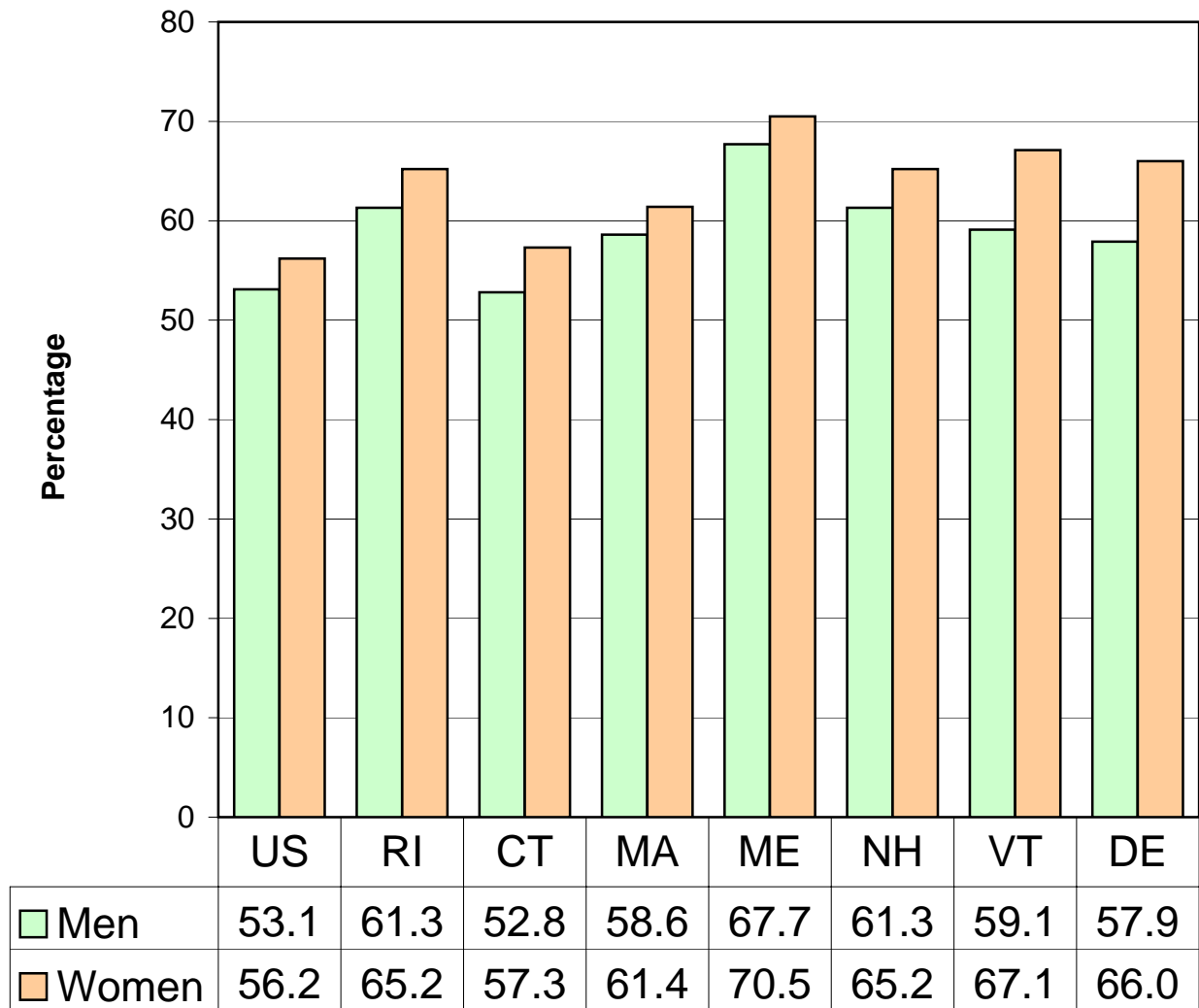
Registered Voters by Gender United States, New England and Delaware, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2002

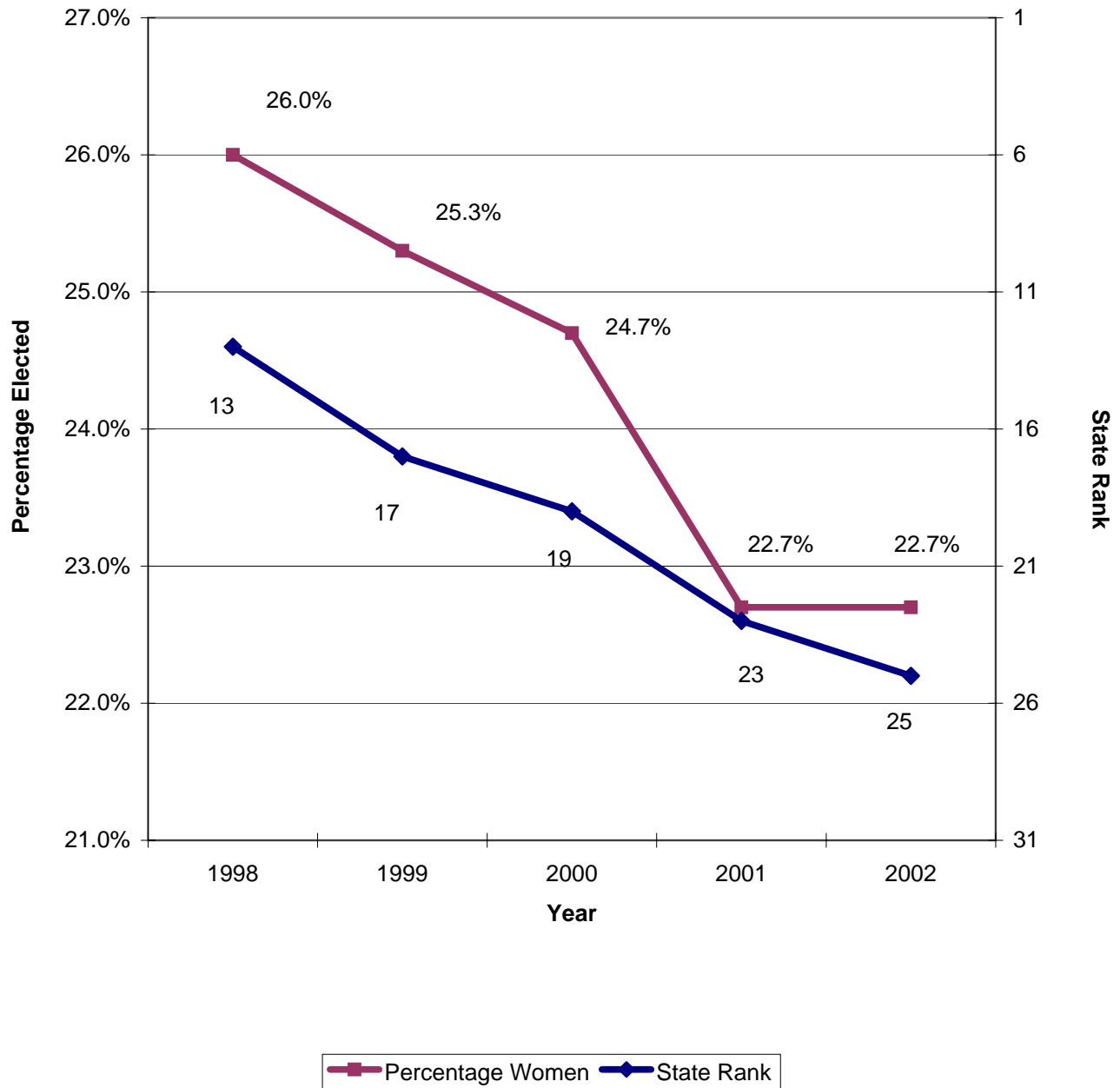
Voter Turn-Out by Gender

United States, New England and Delaware, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2002

Women Elected Officials Rhode Island, 1998-2002

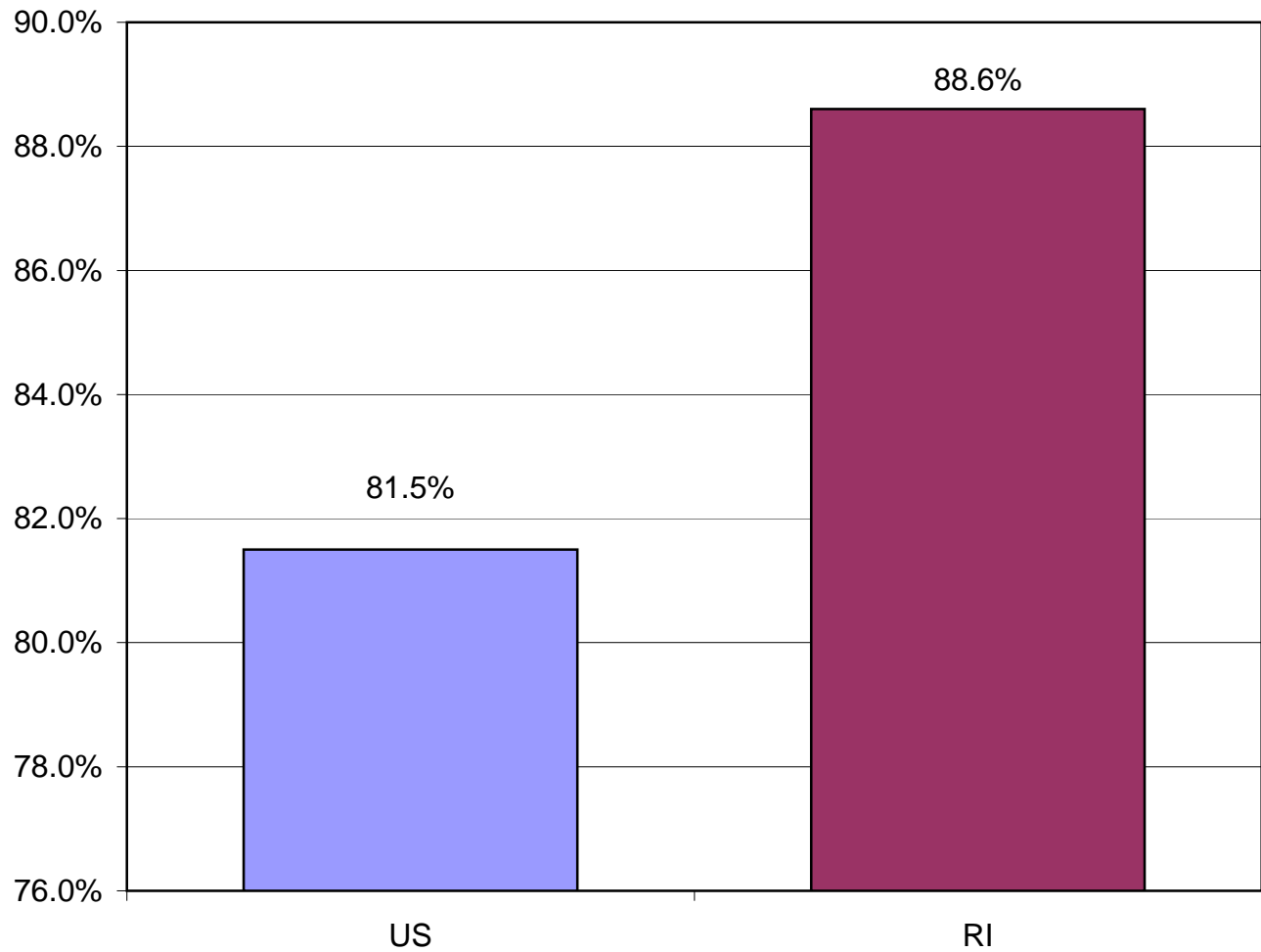


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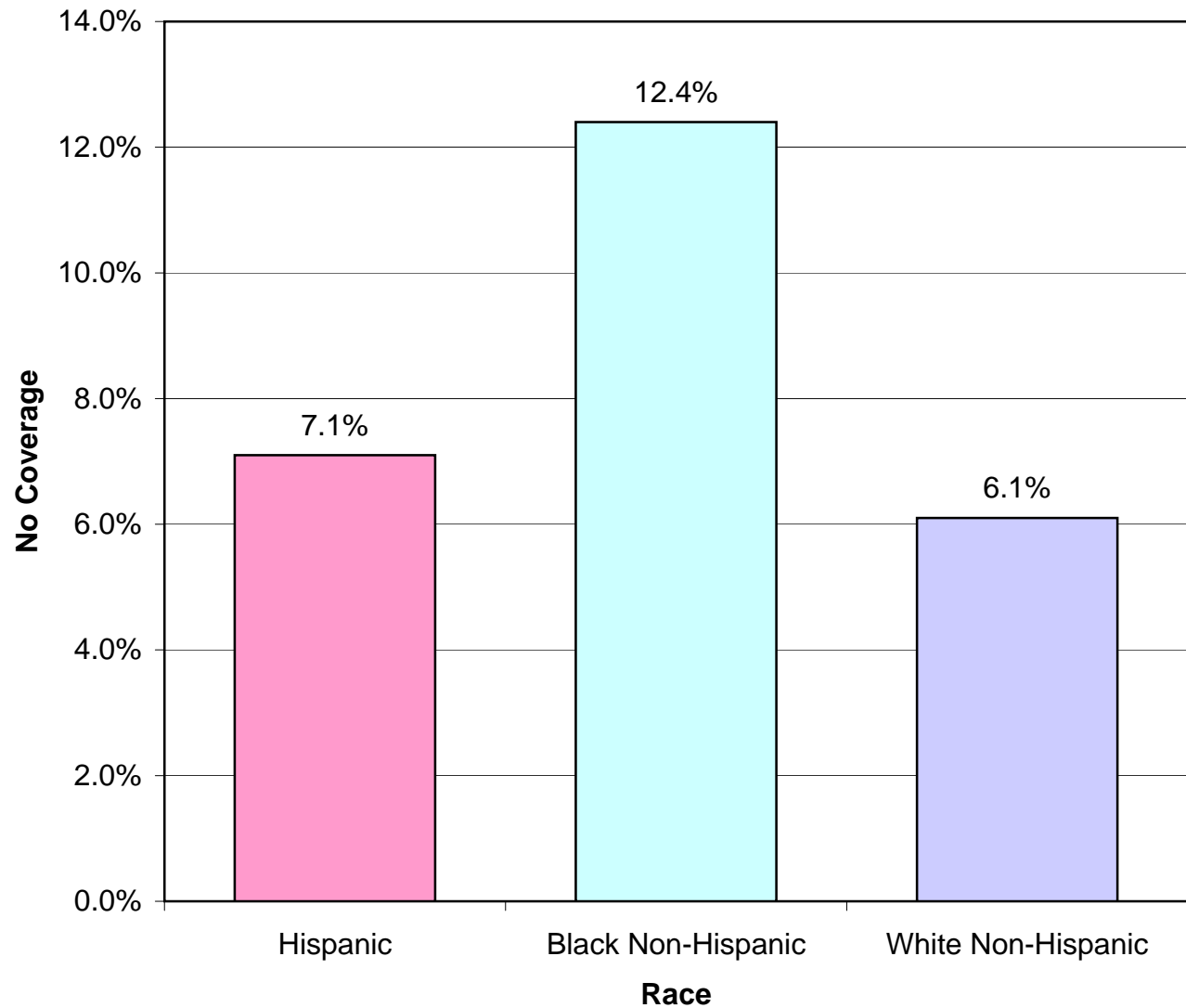
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Percent of Women with Health Insurance United States and Rhode Island, 1997-1999



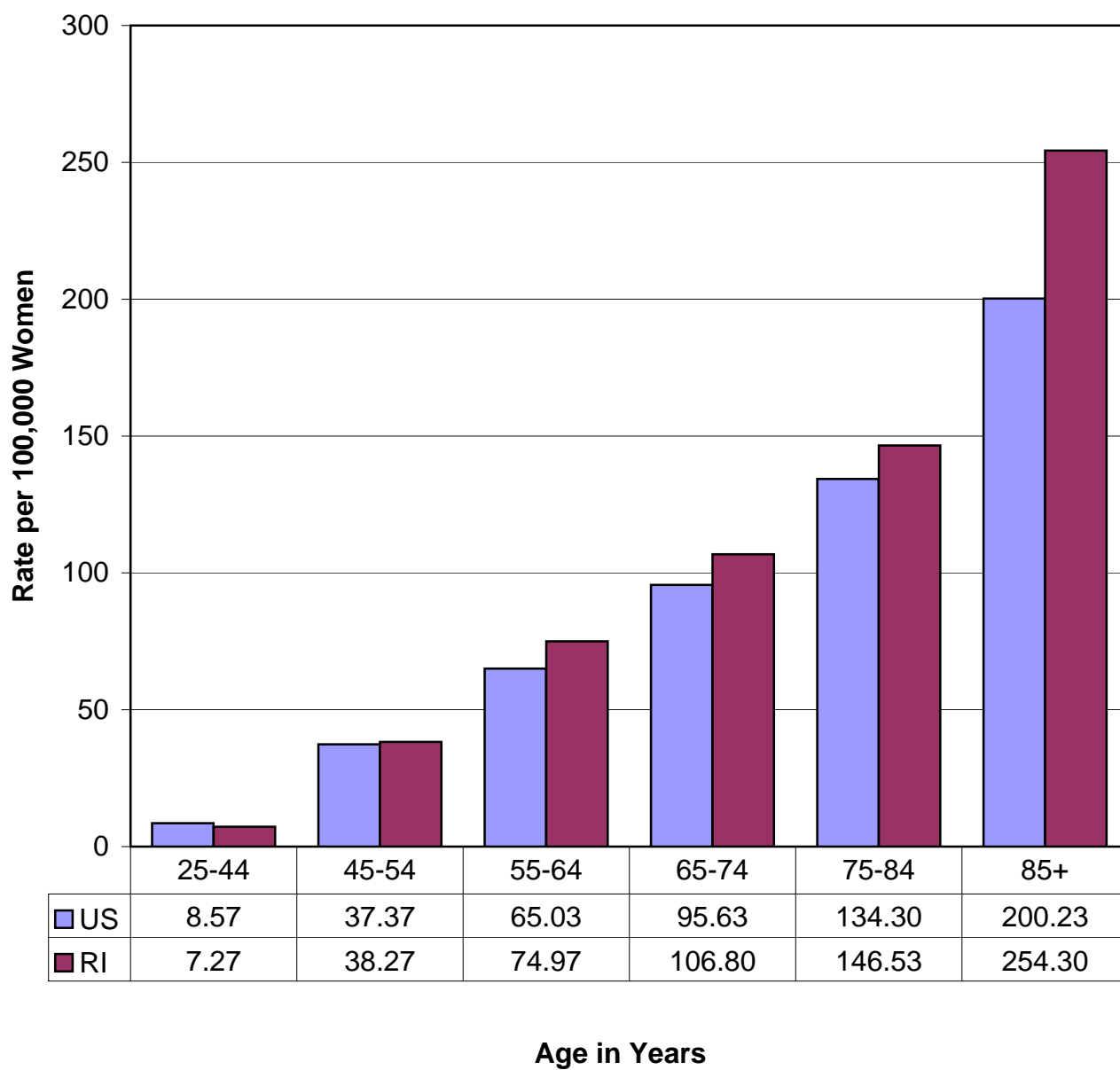
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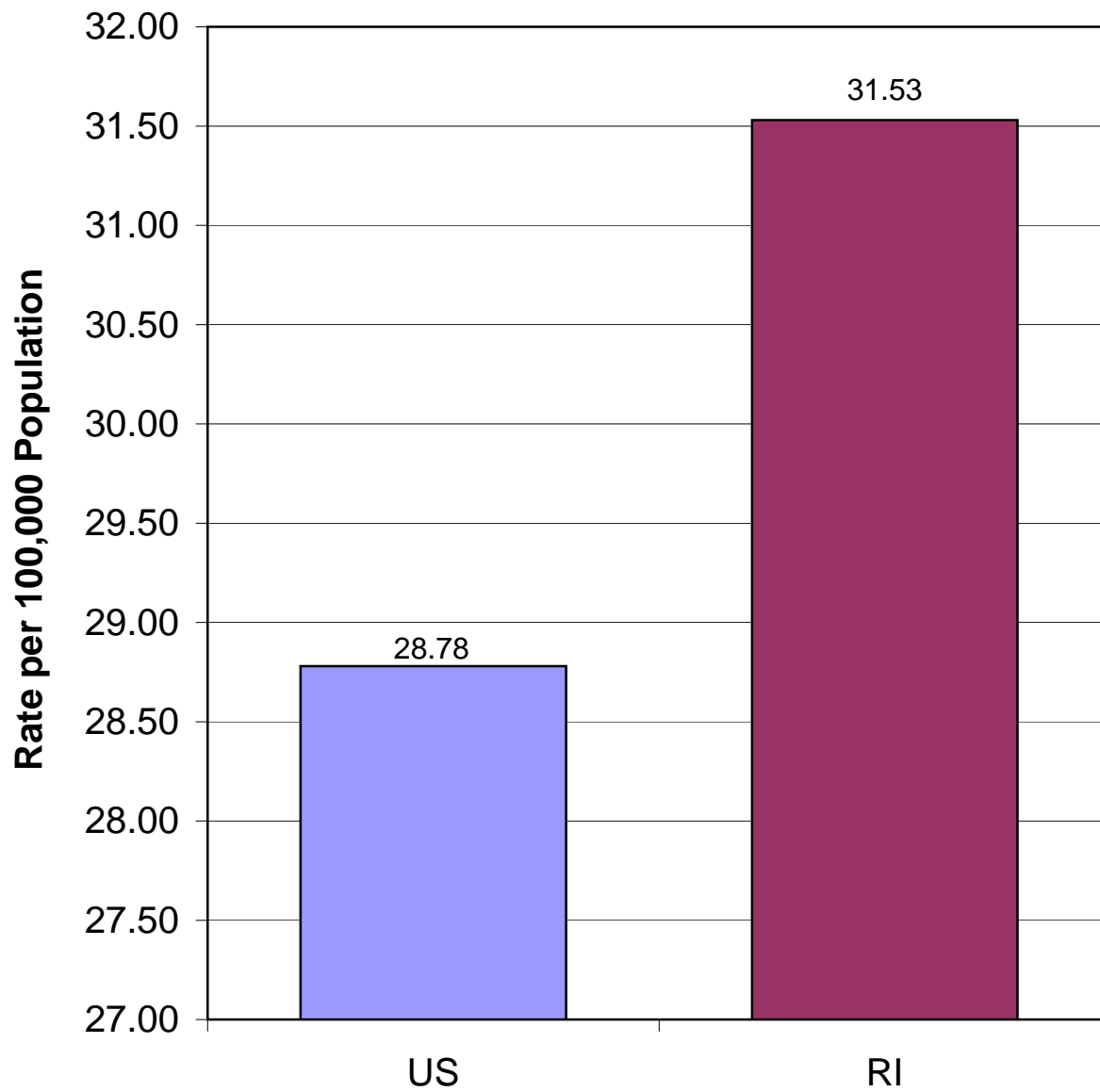
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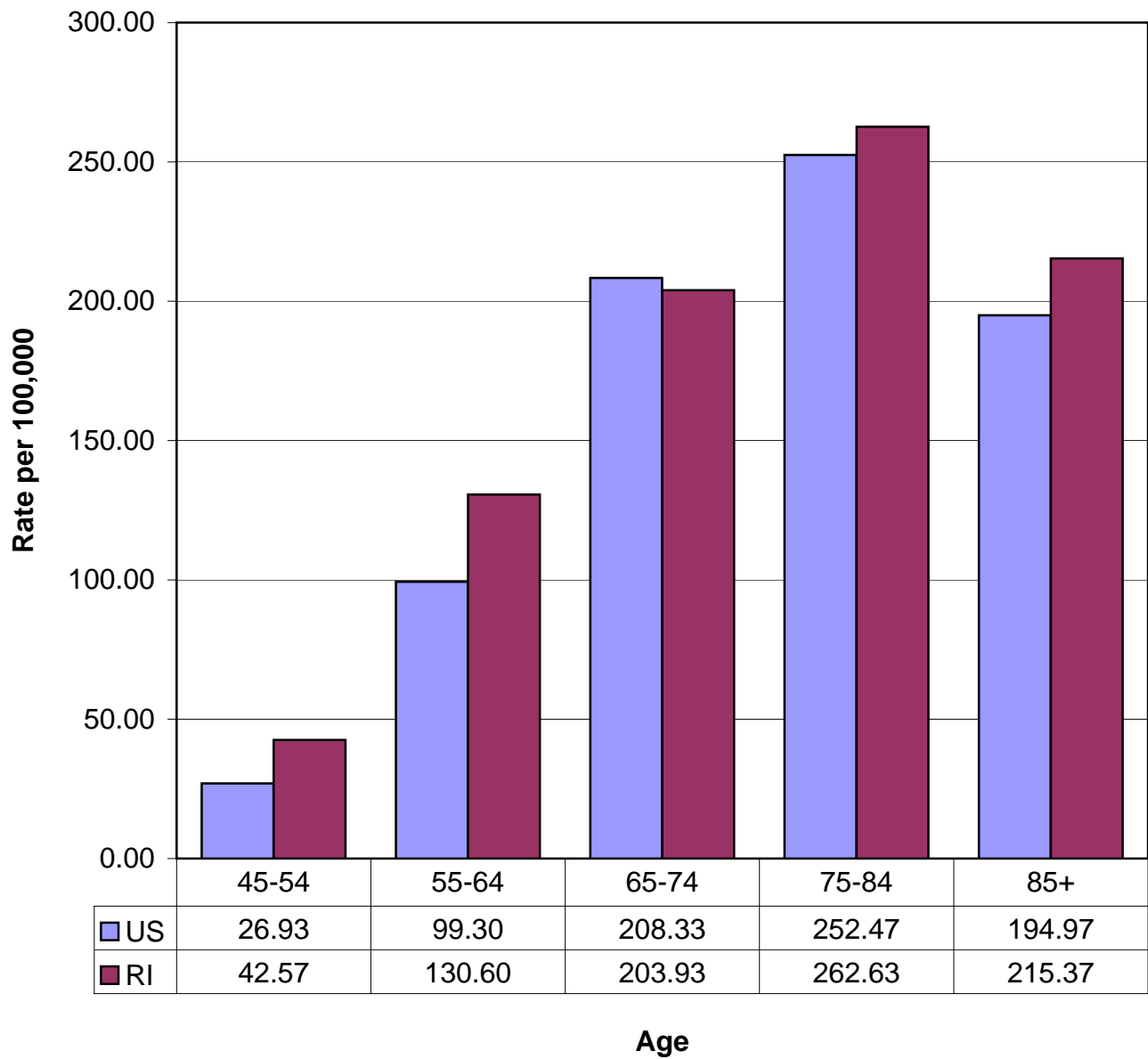
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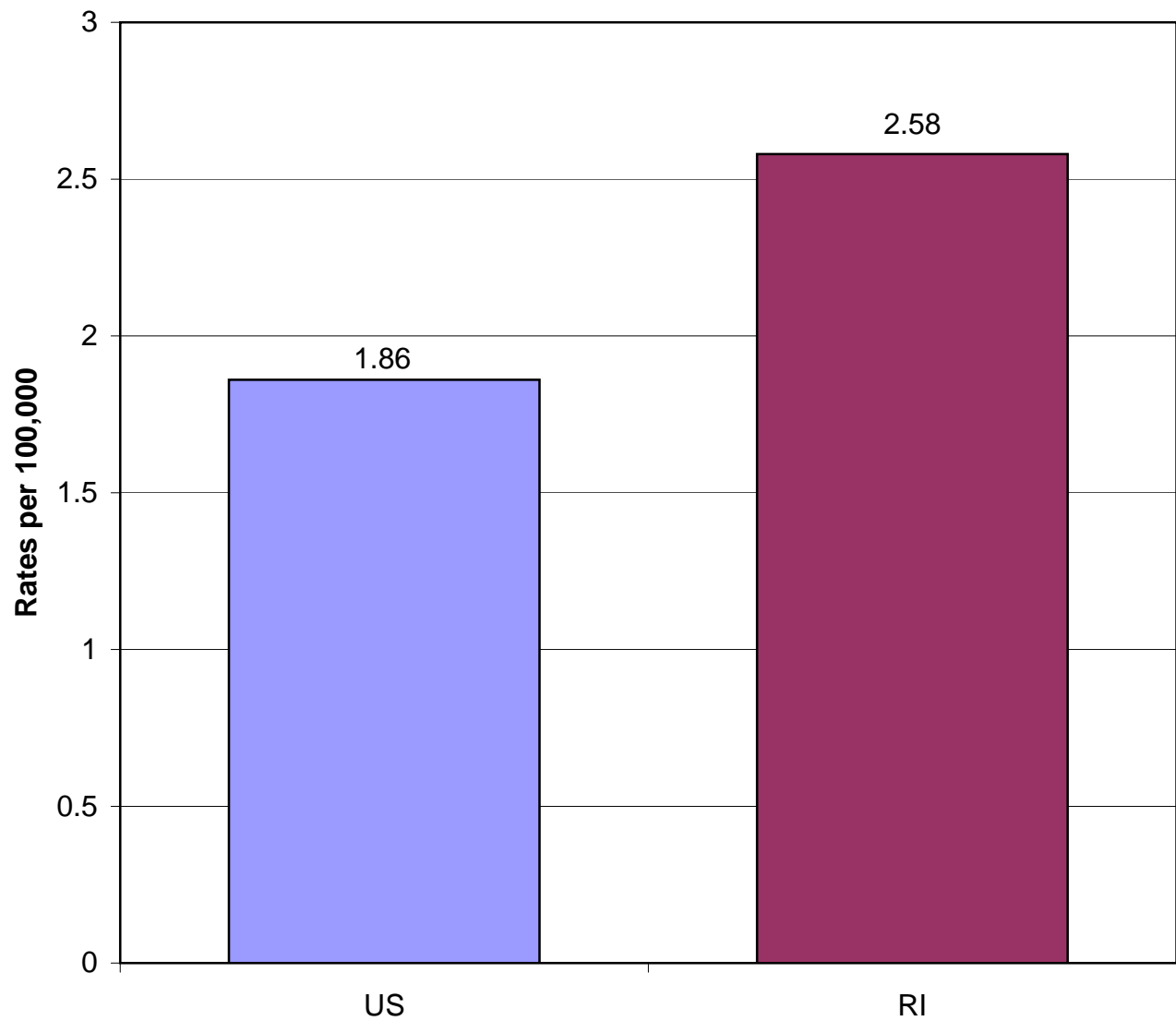
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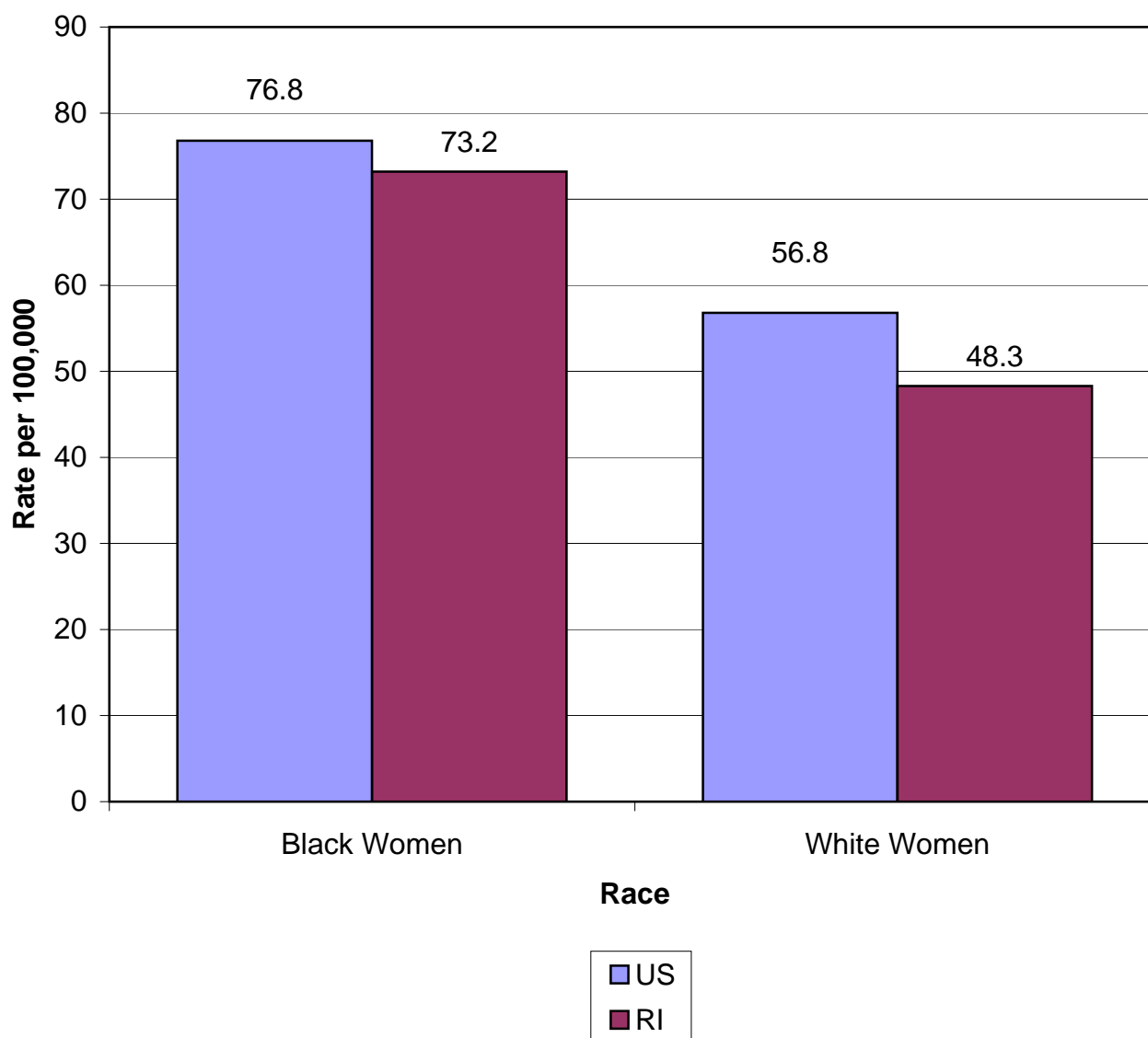
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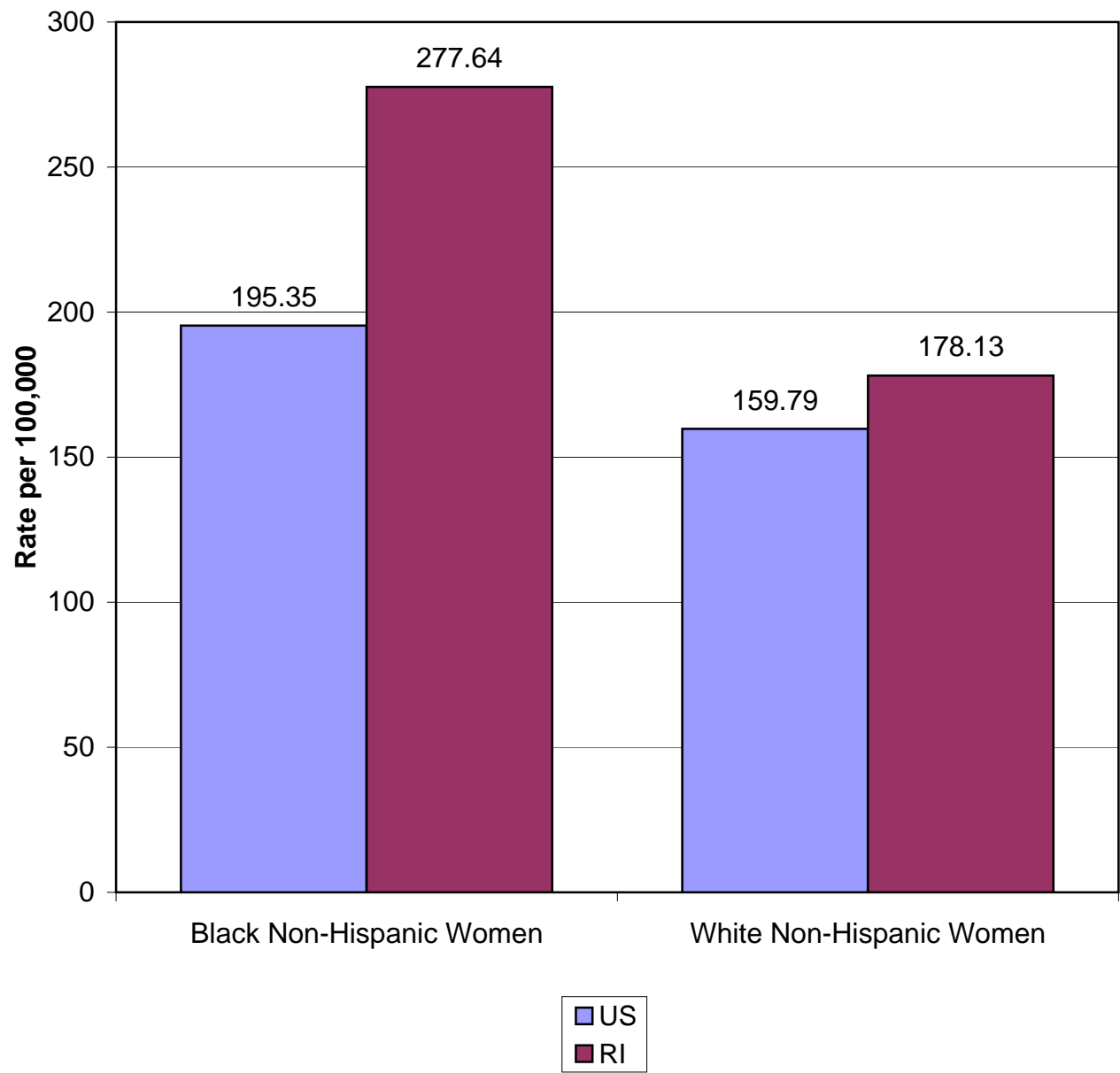
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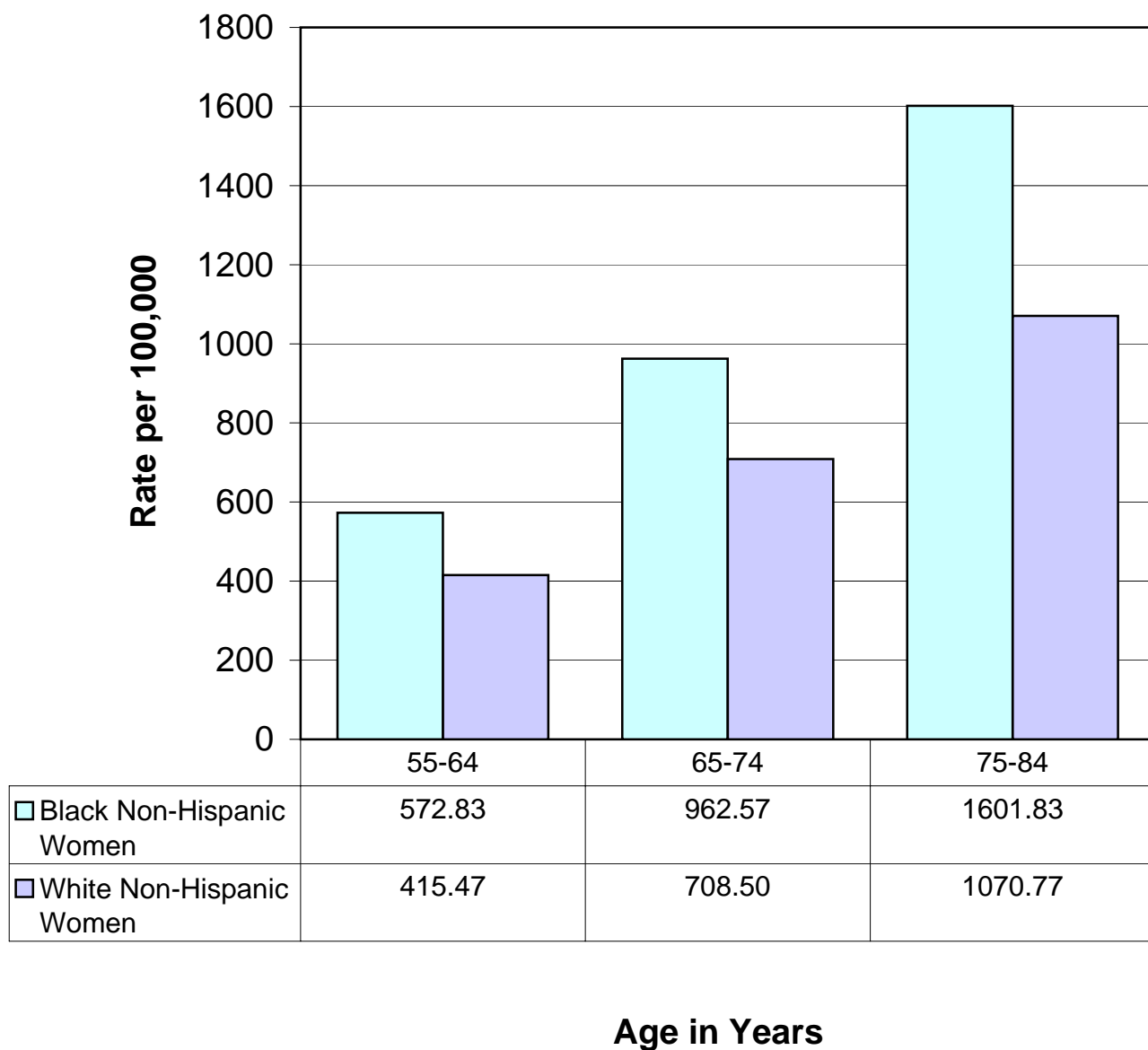
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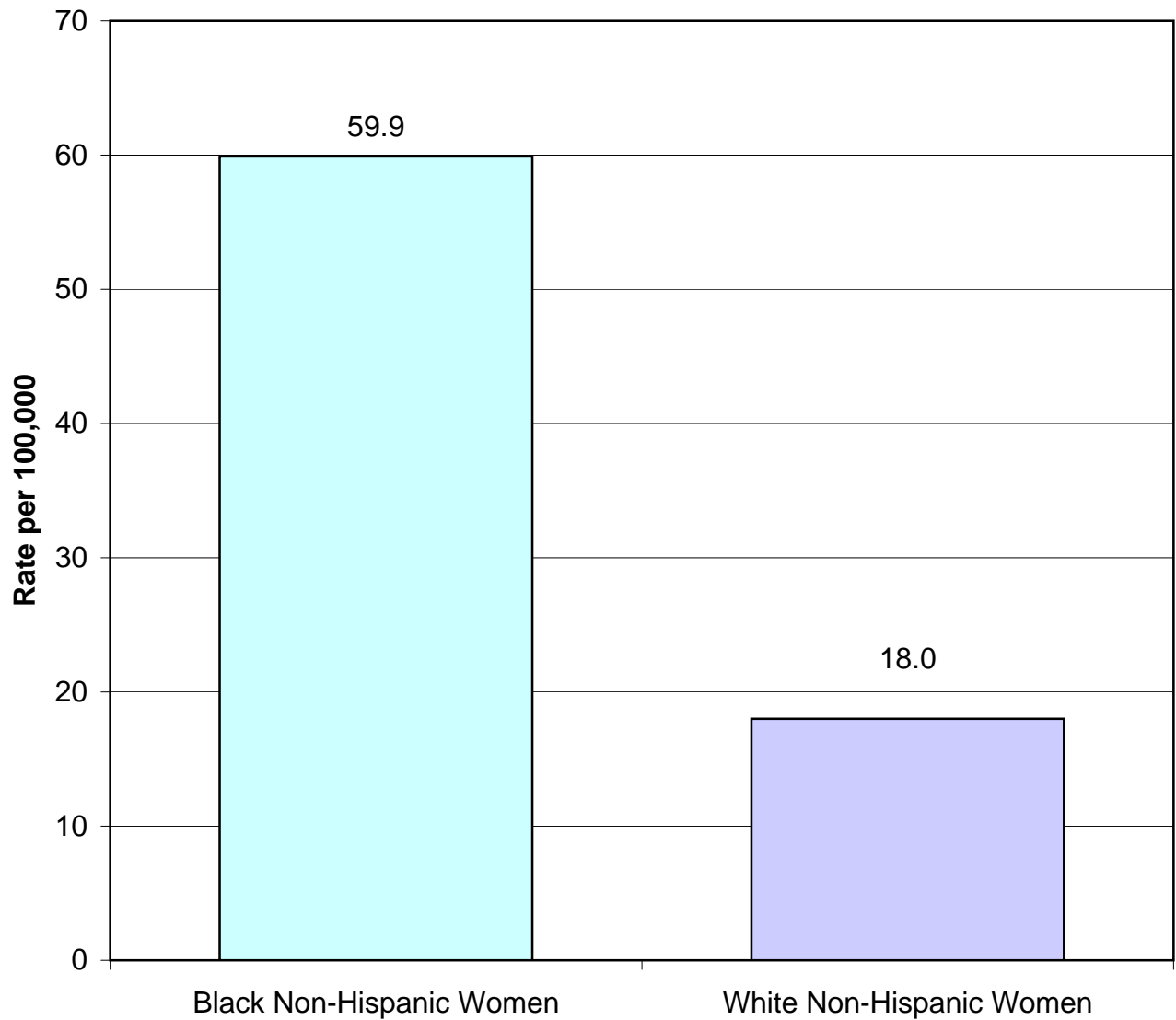
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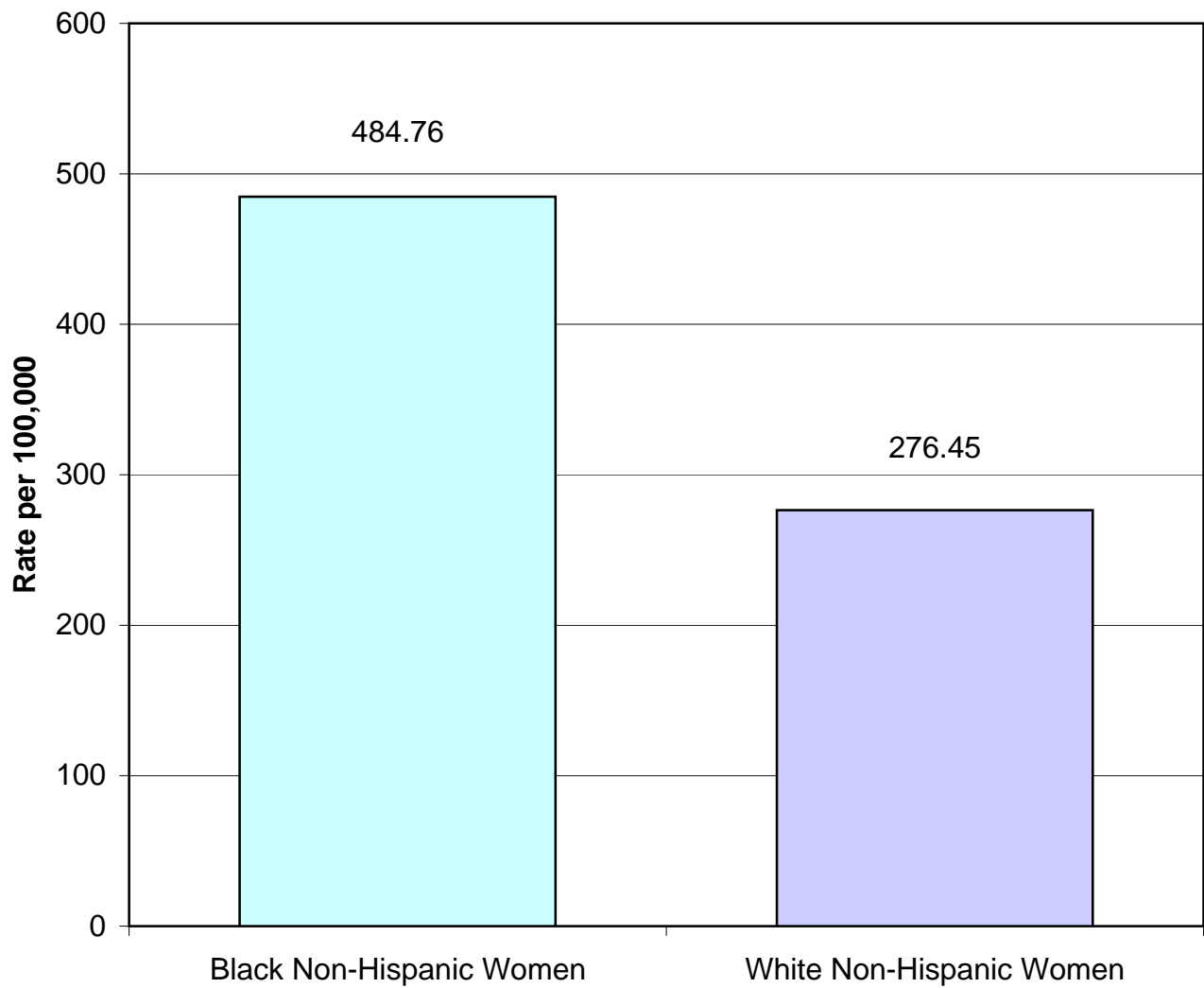
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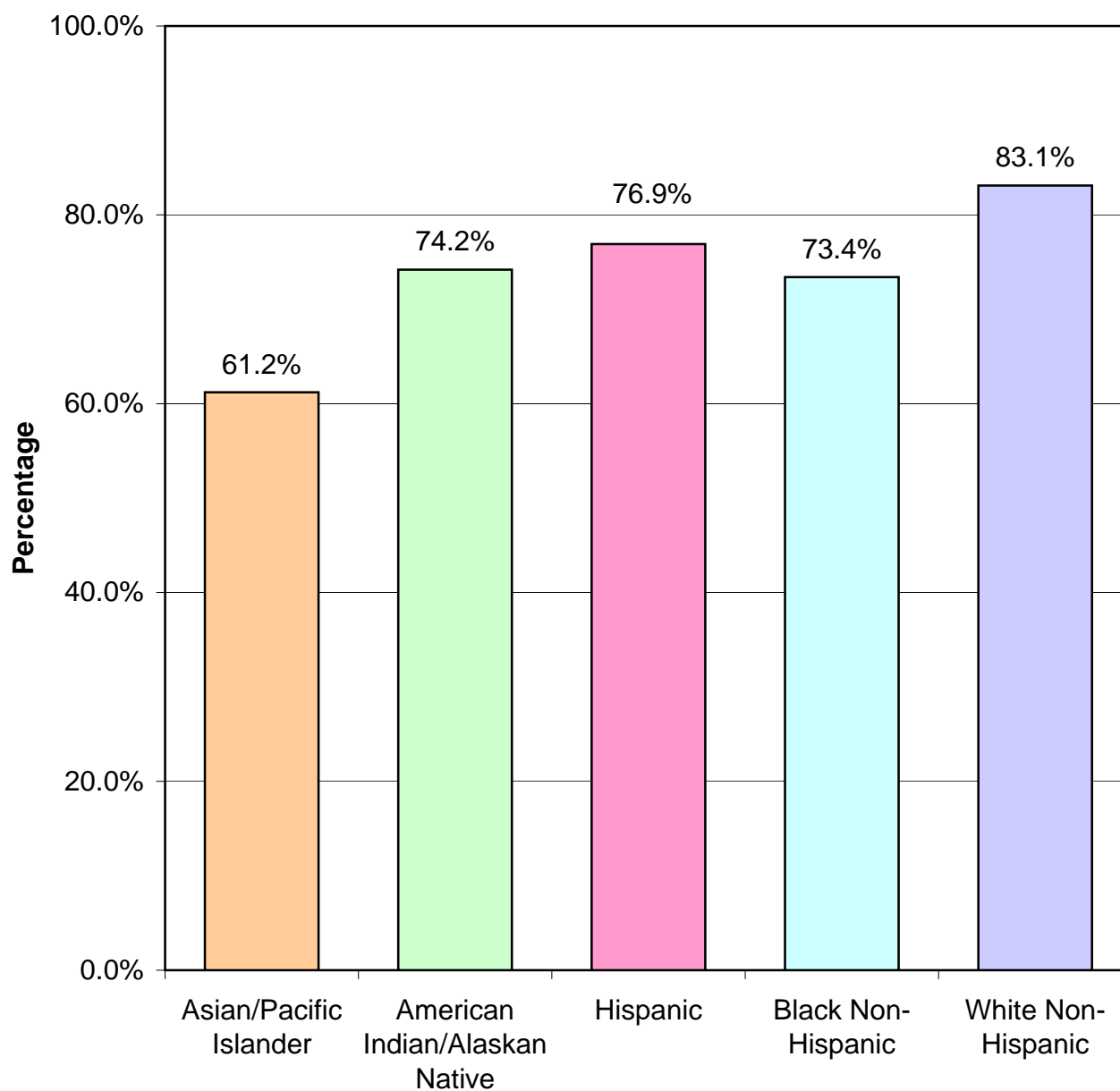
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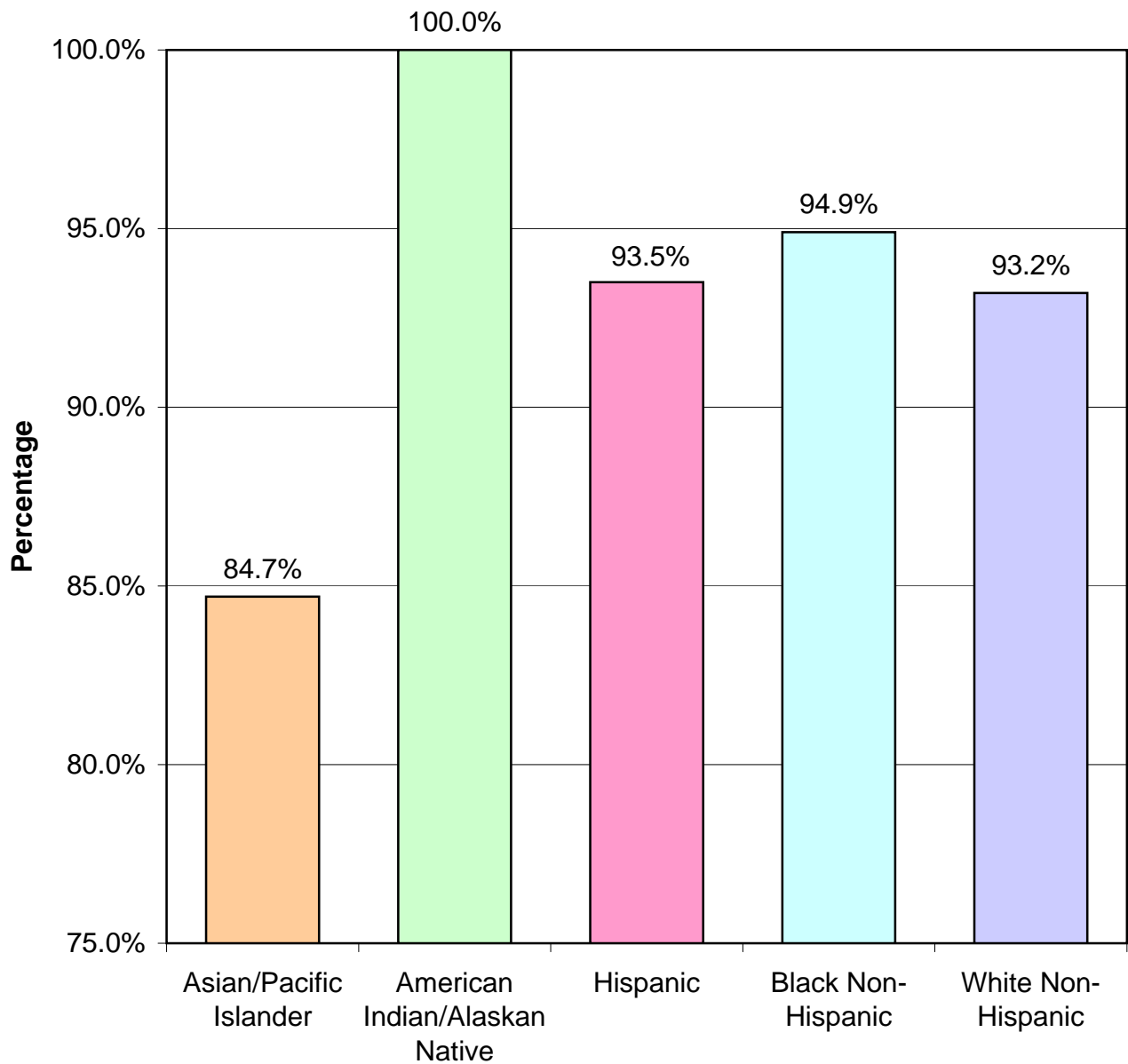
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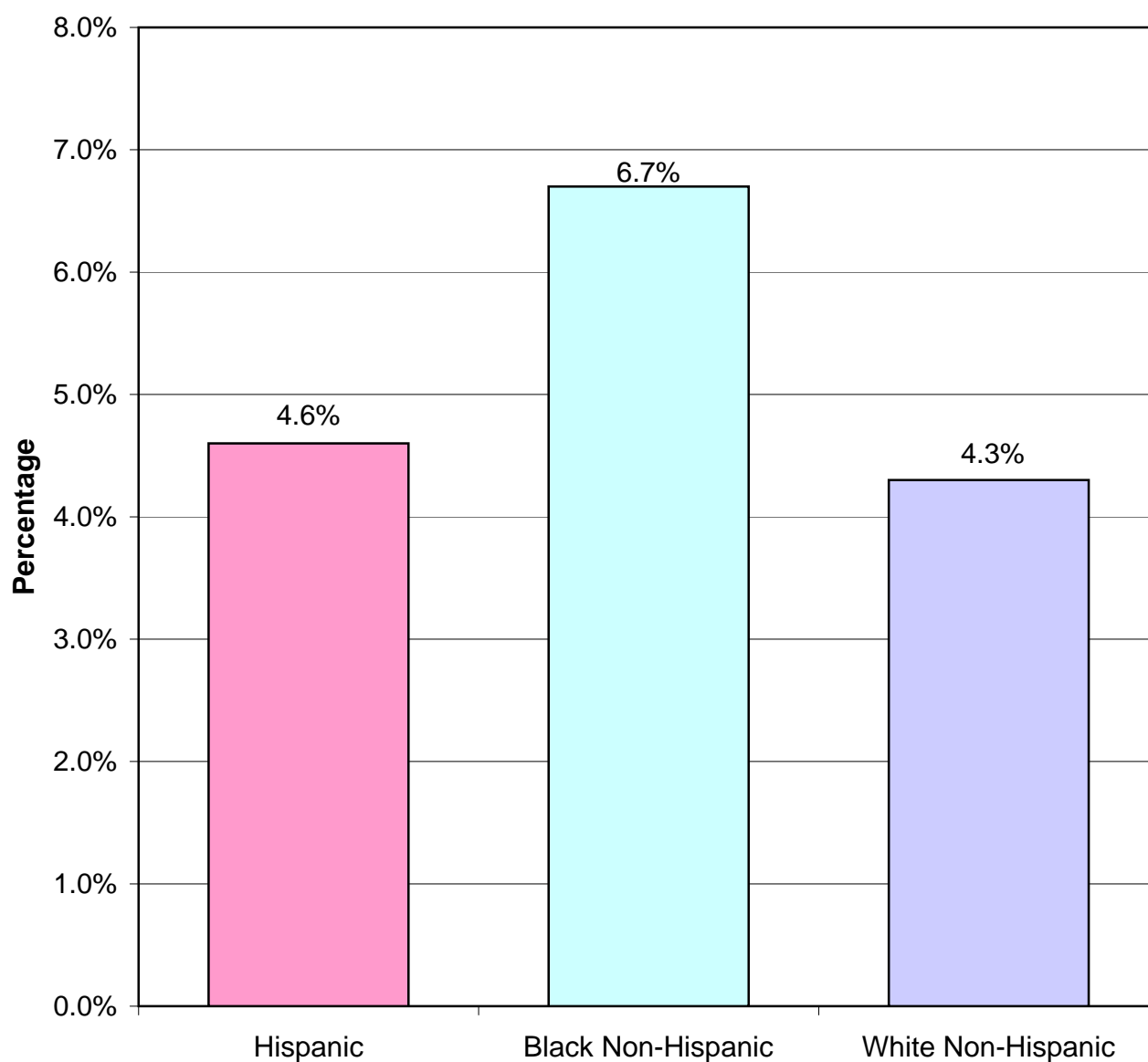
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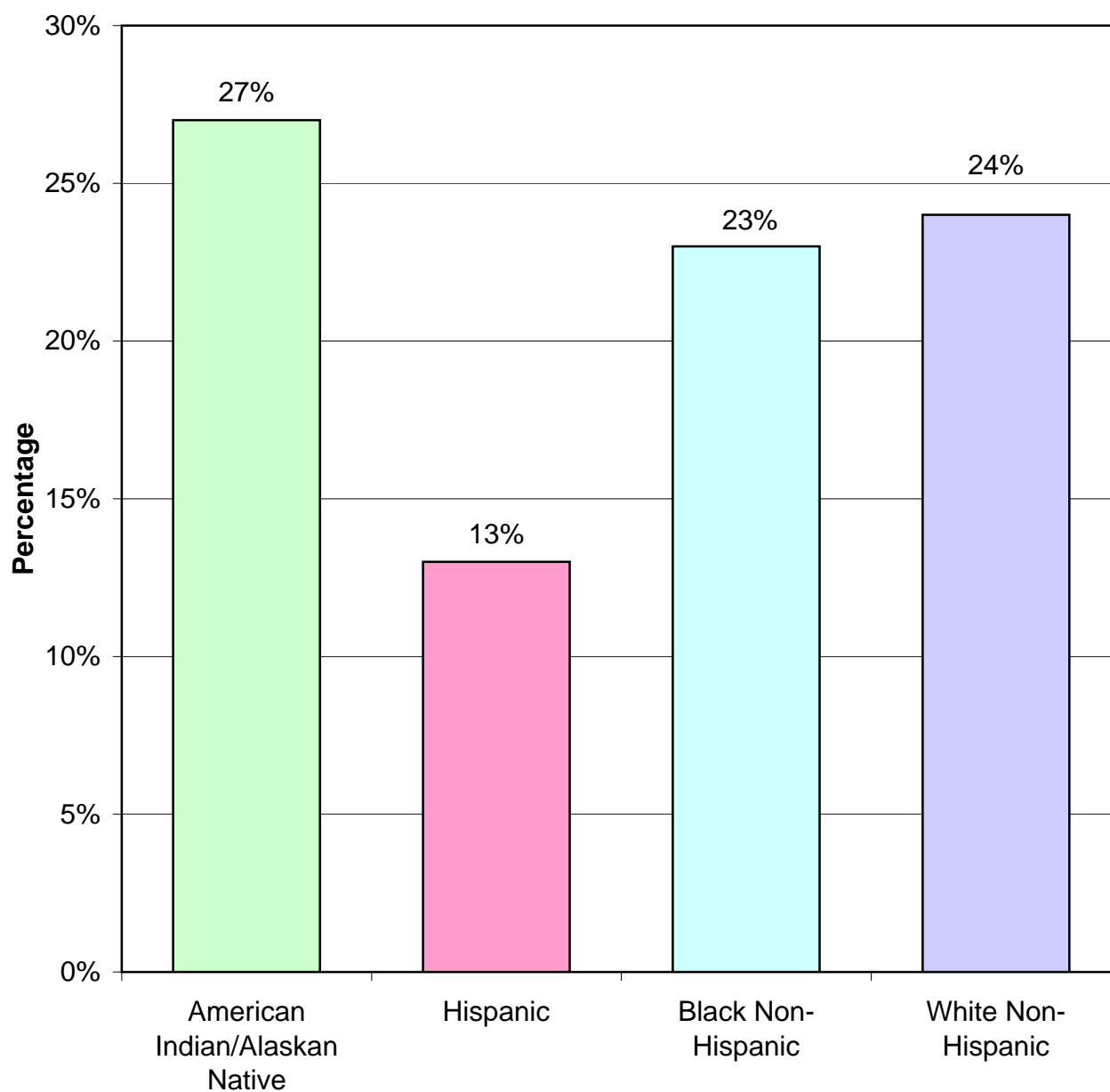
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**Women with HIV Infection Risk
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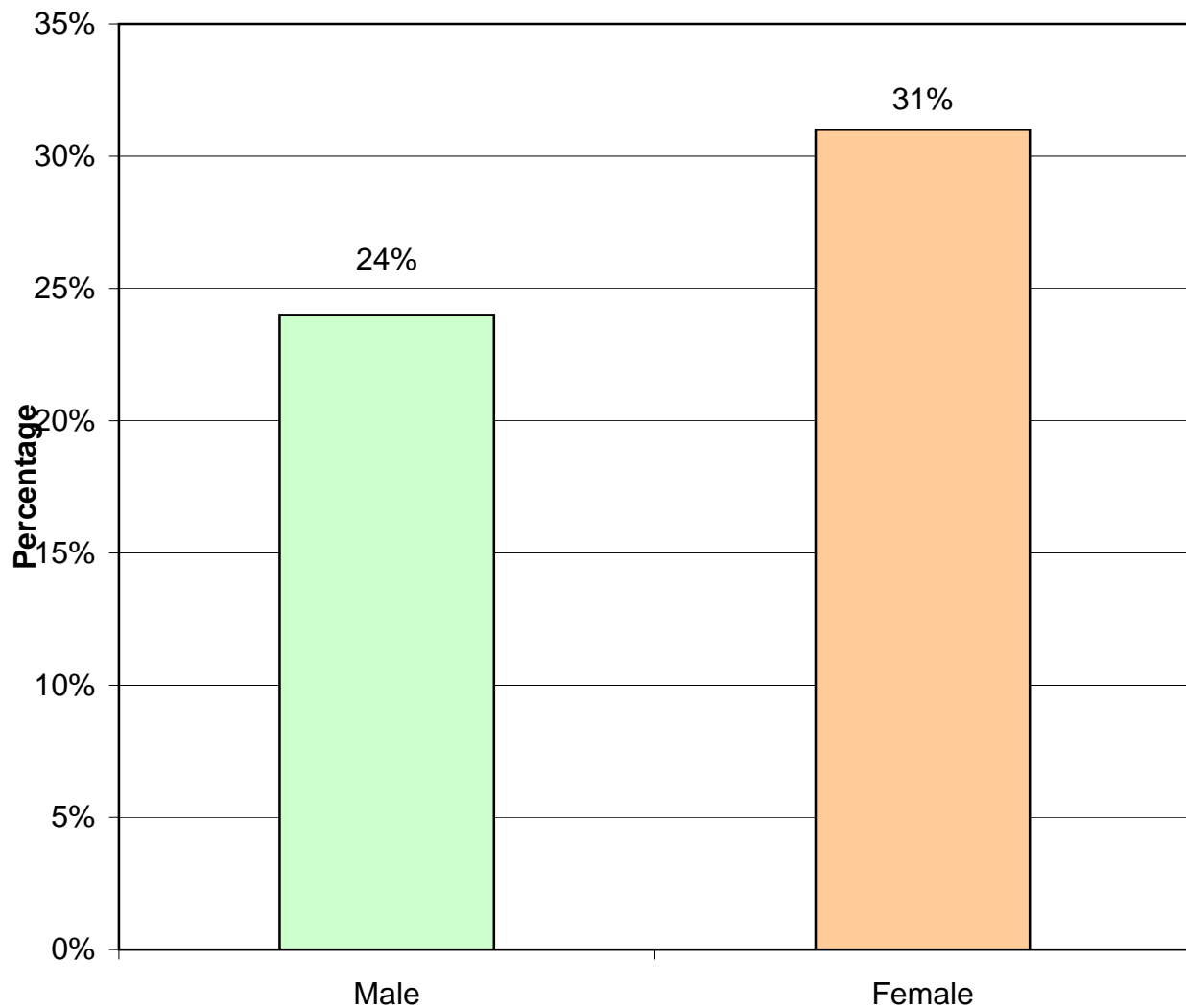
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Women Who Are Current Smokers by Race Rhode Island, 1998-2000



Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention 2002

No Leisure Time Physical Activity as a Result of Poor Health by Gender Rhode Island, 2000 Estimate



Source: 2000 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Data, National Center for Health Statistics 2001